



## City of Los Angeles Animal Services



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## FIREWORKS ARE NO FUN FOR PETS!

### *Pet Safety Tips for 4th of July*

Make this Independence Day fun and SAFE for your pets! Some people love big gatherings and loud noises – but that can be very frightening for our pets.

Here are some Pet Safety Tips for Independence Day:

#### • **PLAN AHEAD**

Make sure your pet is microchipped and that the registration has your current address. In addition, make sure your dog is wearing a license tag. These two simple steps help us reunite families if a pet does get lost.

You can contact any of our L.A. Animal Services Shelters and schedule an appointment to have their companion animal microchipped. The cost for the public is \$25.00 per animal. Most veterinary clinics also offer microchipping.

#### • **KEEP PETS INDOORS**

Keep your pets inside. If you are having guests over, keep pets in a room that is off-limits to guests, with plenty of water and food.

#### • **CREATE A CALMING ENVIRONMENT**

Surround pets with their favorite toys and other familiar objects. Play soothing music and keep the room as quiet as possible by closing doors, windows, and blinds.

#### • **KEEP AWAY FROM FIREWORKS**

Even if your pet does not seem obviously upset by fireworks, they can still cause harm to pets. Avoid potential burns, injuries, or possible ingestion by keeping all pets out of the vicinity of fireworks.

#### **ADOPT NOW and Help Us Save MORE Animals**

The fourth of July is a time shelter staff knows that we will have a sudden influx of lost and frightened animals. Our shelters are already over crowded. If you are considering adopting, please visit our shelters and adopt NOW or consider fostering a great dog or cat! They are counting on us. We are all they have.