



City of Los Angeles Animal Services



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4th of July Fireworks are NO Picnic for Pets

LA Animal Services offers tips to keep pets safe for Independence Day

Los Angeles, June 30, 2016 – While many people celebrate the Fourth of July with big gatherings and firework festivities, many furry family members prefer a quiet day at home. Fireworks are no picnic for pets. The loud noises can frighten them which can cause them to run away from home in fear. Many of these pets will end up at Los Angeles City Animal Shelters.

Make this Independence Day fun for your pets and protect and prevent them from getting lost. Here are some pet safety tips:

- **Plan Ahead**

Make sure your pet is licensed and microchipped and that the microchip 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.

To find out more about getting or renewing your dog's license, visit:

<http://www.laanimalservices.com/laws-policies/animal-licenses/>

To microchip your pet, call any of our LA Animal Services Shelters at (888) 452-7381 to schedule an appointment. The cost for a microchip per animal is \$25. Most veterinary clinics also offer microchipping.

- **Keep pets indoors**

Keep your pets inside. If you are having family and friends over, keep pets in a room that is off-limits to your 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.

- **Find your lost pet**

If your pet is lost, go to the animal shelter nearest where you last saw your animal. Tell them that you lost your pet and give them specific information about what your pet looks like, if they are microchipped or wearing a license or tag.

To find our shelter locations, go to <http://www.laanimalservices.com/shelters/>.

You may also search our animal database at: <http://www.laanimalservices.com/shelter-search-lost-pet/>.

- **Adopt and help us save more pets**

If you are thinking about adopting or fostering a cat or dog, please visit any of our six City animal shelters. Adoption fees for all dogs and kittens are \$10, from July 1 through July 3, courtesy of Best Friends Animal Society. Adoption fees for cats four months and older are 100% underwritten by the ASPCA.

By adopting or fostering an orphaned pet, you are directly saving lives from overcrowded shelters.

Los Angeles Department of Animal Services

LA Animal Services is one of the largest municipal shelter systems in the United States with six shelters serving approximately 60,000 animals annually and responding to 20,000 emergency calls involving an animal or person in danger. LA Animal Services promotes and protects the health, safety and welfare of animals and people.

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