



Protecting Your Pet During Summer Fireworks

More family pets will run away from home during holidays involving fireworks than any other days of the year. The Humane Society of Harrisburg Area (HSHA) is encouraging families to take a few simple precautions to make sure that their pets are safe and secure during Independence Day weekend fireworks displays.

HSHA offers a few suggestions for families to keep their pets safe this week:

- Do not take your pets along to the fireworks displays.
- Bring your pets indoors before fireworks displays begin.
- Make sure that your pets have access to their favorite “safe place” or find a quiet, comfortable, enclosed room where your pets can “hide” if they need to.
- If you go to a fireworks display and leave your pets at home, leave the radio or television set on so there is some “normal” background noise.

In the event that your dog does run away, search your neighborhood thoroughly, post signs, and file a lost report with your local animal shelter. As a precautionary measure, also make sure your pet has identification tags and a microchip to ensure they are returned when they are found.

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