

Booms, Paws, and Safe Hugs

A 4th of July Pet Adventure



The 4th of July is full of fun—fireworks, parades, and backyard barbecues! But while we enjoy the celebration, it can be scary for our pets. Loud booms, bright lights, and crowds of people can make dogs, cats, and even small animals feel nervous or afraid. This book will help you learn how to keep your pet calm, safe, and happy during the holiday!



The best way to keep your pet safe is to plan ahead. On the 4th of July:

- Keep pets indoors, even if they usually like to be outside.
- Close windows, doors, and pet doors to stop them from running away if they get scared.
- Play calm music or turn on the TV to help cover up loud firework sounds.
- Make sure your pet has a cozy space to hide if they want to feel safe, like a crate or quiet room.
- Keep collars with ID tags on your pet, just in case they slip out.



Some things that can go wrong on the 4th of July include:

- Pets getting scared and running away from fireworks.
- Dogs or cats eating something dangerous, like dropped food, glow sticks, or sparklers.
- Pets getting burned or cut from fireworks or grill tools.
- Loud noises can cause stress—some pets may shake, hide, or even get sick.

That's why it's so important to keep them in a safe place and watch what's around them!



If your pet is hurt, stay calm and tell an adult right away. These are some things to do:

- Don't give pets human food or medicine—some can be dangerous!
- If your pet is burned, keep them away from the heat and tell an adult to call a veterinarian.
- If your pet swallows something weird, like a sparkler or chicken bone, don't wait—get help from a vet.
- If your pet runs away, tell your grown-up to call animal control or shelters in your area.

Remember, you're not alone—grown-ups and vets are there to help!



You don't need superpowers to be a hero—just love, care, and smart thinking! Keeping pets safe during fireworks shows you're a responsible and kind animal friend. When you look out for animals, you make the world a better place for everyone.

Have a fun, safe, and pet-friendly 4th of July!

