

PETS AND FIREWORKS

TIPS FOR YOUR PET



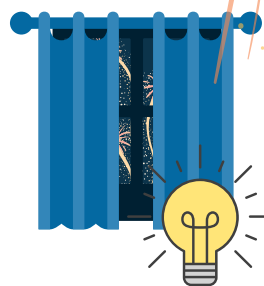
Be aware of signs of stress and anxiety



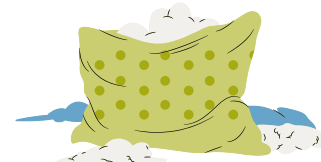
Don't take your dog to a firework display



Keep your pet indoors and try avoid leaving your pet home alone



Shut windows/doors, close curtains, switch on lights and put on the TV or radio, which can help block out the noise



Don't be angry with your pet if they've been destructive while you were away

Ensure collar and ID tag are on your pet, in case of escape due to stress



Check contact details on their microchip are up to date

Prepare a 'den' for your pet so they have a safe space to hide if needed



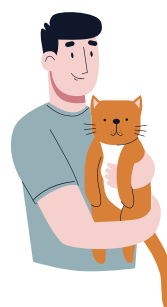
Give plenty of exercise earlier in the day so pet is relaxed and tired by dusk



Keep to your normal evening routine as much as possible



It's okay to let your pet pace around, whine or hide away. Don't coax them out/disturb them – they'll come out when they're ready



If your pet seeks comfort from you then it is fine to cuddle them if that helps them relax



THINK AHEAD

Speak to your vet

If you know your pet will struggle to cope with the firework season, speak to your vet well in advance about pheromone diffusers, homeopathic remedies or in very severe cases anxiety reducing drugs.

Check local event pages

Keep in touch with neighbours and look out for notifications on your neighbourhood Facebook pages or groups, alternatively check with your local council when planned displays are going ahead so you know which days to best prepare for.

Acclimatise pets

You can use YouTube to find videos of large firework displays. Start by playing the firework noises quietly, steadily increasing the volume over time, and reward with calm behaviour. This process needs to be started well ahead of the firework season.



If your pets start showing continued signs of stress, such as diarrhoea, urination in the house and reduced appetite, some time after fireworks have finished, speak to your vets. This could be another underlying cause of their anxiety.

