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OC Animal Care would like to remind pet owners of the need to pay extra attention to the safety and comfort of their pets before, during and after any 4th of July celebrations. As the holiday rapidly approaches, there are a few precautions a pet owner can take to ensure that the celebration will be a happy one for both the pet and owner.



- If your pet is typically kept outside, consider bringing them indoors or in the garage
- Provide a comfortable place for your pet, such as a room with the blinds or curtains closed, the lights turned off, and a place for the animal to hide
- Consider staying with your pet to reassure them during the fireworks show
- Board your pet at a veterinary or boarding facility
- Hire a pet sitter to stay with your pet
- If your pet is extremely sensitive to loud noises, your veterinarian may prescribe a mild sedative
- Make sure your pet has a collar with your current contact information and a microchip in case they run away

In the event your pet does manage to escape, check your animal care center and the shelters in the surrounding areas. Post signs in your neighborhood with a photo of your pet. Remember your pet was frightened and may have fled beyond its normal, familiar territory. Place ads in local newspapers, most will advertise at no charge.

July 5th is the busiest day of the year at animal shelters nationwide. Please don't let your pet become a statistic.

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