

# SMARTVET



Newsletter

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## The 4th of July and Pets



The Fourth of July is just around the corner and that's a good news / bad news situation. The good news is that we all can enjoy celebrating with BBQs, parties, and the company of friends and family. The bad news is that fireworks are traditionally part of the celebration.

Most dogs hate fireworks. Every boom and bang causes a fear response. The chart below shows many of the different ways dogs exhibit fear. To help your dog survive the scary boom & bang season you may want to try some of the following tips.

Your dog can hear fireworks that are miles away and can feel the percussive shockwaves of booms that happen close to your residence. To minimize both sound and vibration, try creating a safe space in an interior closet or bathroom. The goal is to get as many walls as possible between the outside noise and your dog. If you use a clothes closet, leave the clothes on the rack because they help reduce soundwaves. If your dog is crate trained, put their crate in the closet. Put on some loud music (or the TV). Dogs tend to like classical music, so get out your Bach, Brahms, and Beethoven. You might also try some of the play lists for dogs on You Tube.

Get your dog a nice chew toy. Get yourself a glass of your favorite beverage. During the fireworks keep yourself calm and relaxed. Your dog will hopefully follow your lead and relax. If you are jumpy and nervous you are letting your dog know that there is something bad happening and they get anxious and scared right along with you.

We carry several canine calming products. We recommend *Stress Away Chews*. Some dogs do well on products that contain CBD oils. We recommend *ElleVet CBD Oils or Chews*.

If your dog needs prescription strength medication, please contact us right away.

We are closed Saturday, July 3rd and open Monday, July 5th. Animal Emergency Clinic cannot prescribe medications unless you take your pet in for a physical exam.

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**We will be closed Saturday, July 3rd.**

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all weekend. 309-828-7722  
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**Be safe out there!**

Your dog's response to a loud noise is like a person experiencing a panic attack but with different symptoms.

Some of the signs may include:

