Fresh Start Rescue

4th of July Pet Safety Tips



🎆 Keep pets indoors during fireworks

Even normally calm pets can become frightened by loud noises and flashing lights. Keeping pets indoors helps prevent panic and escape attempts.

🏷️ Verify ID tags and microchips

More pets go missing on the Fourth of July than almost any other holiday. Make sure identification and contact information are current.



🚪 Prevent door dashes

Guests, parties, and outdoor activities mean doors and gates are opening frequently. Consider using baby gates, leashes, crates, or a secure room.



🎵 Create a calm retreat space

Provide a quiet room with familiar bedding, toys, treats, and white noise to help reduce stress and anxiety.

🍔 Keep picnic foods out of reach

Hot dogs, burgers, bones, corn cobs, alcohol, and other barbecue foods can be dangerous for pets.

☀️ Watch for heat-related illness

Ensure pets have access to shade and plenty of fresh water. Avoid hot pavement and limit outdoor activity during peak heat.



🐾 Never bring pets to fireworks displays

Even well-behaved pets can be overwhelmed by large crowds, loud explosions, and unfamiliar surroundings.