

## **FOURTH OF JULY PET SAFETY TIPS**

The Fourth of July Holiday can be a very stressful and scary time for your pets – especially dogs and cats. July 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> are the two days when the greatest number of lost dogs and cats are reported to animal shelters across the United States.

The following tips and precautions have been provided by the City of Burbank Animal Shelter to help keep your pets safe and calm during the Fourth of July Holiday:

- Do not take your pets to fireworks displays. Loud fireworks may frighten your pets. It is much safer to leave pets at home.
- Never leave pets unattended in parked vehicles especially on warm days – this is not only cruel, but it is unlawful (597.7 PC). Pets left in parked vehicles can quickly become overheated even when the vehicle is parked in the shade with the windows down. Pets could possibly injure themselves trying to get out of the vehicle if they become frightened by fireworks.
- Keep your pets indoors. Avoid leaving your pets home alone. If you must leave pets home alone – consider keeping them inside a soft pet crate so they cannot escape or injure themselves if they become frightened. Leave on a radio or television to drown out the noise from fireworks.
- If your pet is especially nervous - consider consulting a veterinarian who may be able to prescribe a tranquilizer to keep your pet calm.
- Make sure you have identification on your pets at all times. ID tags can be made at the local pet shops. Dog and cat licenses are required by law and also serve as identification if your pet were to become lost. The Animal Shelter also microchips pets for Burbank Residents. Make sure your contact information is kept up to date.
- Make sure you know the address and phone number of your regular veterinarian AND an afterhours emergency vet.
- If your pet becomes lost – call the Animal Shelter IMMEDIATELY. Leave a message if the shelter is closed and Animal Control Personnel will return your call A.S.A.P. Make sure you also check the animal shelter in person during normal business hours and make a lost and found report.
- Lost pets at the shelter are viewable online at: [24PetConnect.com](https://www.24PetConnect.com) and is updated hourly.

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