

# 4<sup>th</sup> of July Pet Safety Tips



Fireworks may fill *us* with patriotic pride this time of year, but they can fill our pets with panic. Make sure this holiday is safe and sane for your furry family members with these tips:

## *Festivities:*

- Don't bring your pets to fireworks displays with you. Leave them at home and make sure all doors, windows and any other escape routes are secured.
- Consider creating a quiet zone. Draw the curtains, put on calming music and provide an enrichment activity (like a food-stuffed Kong) as a distraction.
- Is your pet's microchip and ID tag information current? If your pet does bolt, this will be their best chance of being reunited with you. If you're unsure if your pet is chipped (or don't know the microchip company) you can bring your pet to any vet clinic or shelter to have your pet scanned for FREE. The clinic or shelter should be able to provide information on how to contact each microchip company. If you have the chip # you can look it up online at [petmicrochiplookup.org](http://petmicrochiplookup.org).



## *Food and Drink:*

- Make sure leftover bones from ribs, steak or chicken are disposed of properly. They can harm your pet's digestive system by causing obstructions or lacerations.
- Alcoholic beverages are highly toxic to pets and can cause coma or respiratory failure. Never leave drinks unattended or within a pet's reach.

