



### **Make July 4th a Safe Holiday for Pets**

In recent years, Capital Humane Society has noticed that fewer pets are coming in as lost animals during Independence Day celebrations. The extra care taken by owners to keep their pets safe is noticed and appreciated.

The Fourth of July can be lots of fun for people yet it is often it is a very stressful time for pets. Many pets end up getting lost because they are afraid of the fireworks and try to run from the noise. Other pets are injured by the fireworks. Your pet will appreciate being protected from these possible dangers and being kept safe inside.

Here are some suggestions to remember:

- If you are going to have many guests and friends at your home for the fourth, consider boarding your pet(s) with your veterinarian or a local boarding kennel. All the festivities and doors opening and closing can create a perfect opportunity for a pet to escape. Unfortunately a loose pet that flees the noise associated with fireworks will run much farther than normal. Every block the pet goes, it finds the same noise and the same incentive to run.
- Never allow pets to be close to fireworks when they are being lit. They can be burned just as easily as humans.
- Always make sure your pet is wearing a collar with identification so it can be easily returned to you should it become lost. Consider having your pet microchipped for added security. And be sure to keep the microchip contact information up to date.
- If your pet is afraid of all the noise, make a safe haven in the center of your home. A room with bedding your pet is used to lying on provides some security. Noise can be drowned out by playing a radio or television.
- Do not use medications or sedatives to calm your pet without consulting your veterinarian. Many factors have to be considered before using this approach such as your pet's overall health, bodyweight, age and other factors. Your veterinarian is a professional when it comes to these matters and can help keep you from making a serious mistake.

Capital Humane Society will be closed on July 4th.

Hours on Sunday, July 5 for reclaims at our Admissions & Assessments Center located at 2320 Park Boulevard location will be 12-4pm. Hours on July 5 at the Pieloch Pet Adoption Center will be 11am-5:30pm

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<b>Pieloch Pet Adoption Center</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6500 South 70th Street</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Lincoln, Nebraska 68516</b>
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