

Make July 4th a Safe Holiday for Pets

Independence Day and the days leading up to it can be stressful for pets. Pet owners in Lincoln have done a good job keeping their animals safe at home so we have not seen the huge influx of pets as in the past. We want to offer advice so this trend continues. Please remember these tips:

- If you are going to be having a lot of guests and friends at your home for the holiday, 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 and injured just as easily as humans.
- Always make sure your pet is wearing a collar with identification so the pet can easily be returned to you should it become lost. Consider having your pet microchipped for added security and make sure microchip contact information is always up to date.
- If your pet is afraid of all the noise, make a safe haven in a quiet part of your home. A room with bedding that 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 things 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.

On July 3rd and July 5th, our Admissions & Assessment Center located at 2320 Park Boulevard will be open regular hours from 10:30am-6pm and the Pieloch Pet Adoption Center will be open 11:30am-7:30pm.

For more information, please call Capital Humane Society at 402-441-4488.

