



4th of July Safety Tips

from Pyramid Veterinary Hospital!

Washoe County Animal Services reports that the 4th of July is typically the worst day of the year for lost pets. While people may enjoy fireworks, loud booms and bright lights can be terrifying for your pets.

Avoid a panicked pet and, potentially, a lost or injured pet with these safety tips:

- **Don't take your pets to the fireworks display!** Fireworks, crowds, and noise may make your usually calm pet a panicked pet.
- **Keep your pet inside while you're watching the fireworks.** If they are inside, without access to the outdoors, they have less of a chance of getting lost.
- **Leave a radio or the T.V. on a mellow station.** Having some background noise may help to distract your pet from the sudden, loud noises.
- **Have your pet microchipped and/or make sure the registration is current!** This allows Animal Services or a veterinary hospital to be able to track you down and get your pet returned to you.
- **Never give any medication to your pet without your VETERINARIAN'S approval.** Pets are not people and many medications are toxic to pets!

We hope everyone has a safe and fun 4th of July!

For more information on 4th of July safety,

please visit www.paaw.org/informative/fireworks-safety-your-pets.com

