

JULY TIP OF THE MONTH

The Fourth of July is quickly approaching and this means the summer is here and the holiday fireworks can frighten your pet, so follow these steps to keep your pets safe and sound.

Keep your pet indoors on the Fourth, in a quiet isolated room with covered windows. This will help him feel safe and secure.

Turn on a fan or TV to try and muffle the sounds of the fireworks. This will provide familiar indoor sounds and may help soothe your pet in he must be alone this noisy holiday.

Don't bring your pet to a fireworks show!

If you know from past experience that your pet will suffer from severe anxiety caused by the loud noises, consider taking him to your vet a few days in advance and see about a mild tranquilizer.

If your pet behaves nervously by pacing, whining, or crying, distract him by playing with him or doing something he enjoys. Don't stroke your pet or reassure him by saying "Don't worry, it's okay." This may actually reinforce your pet's anxious behavior.

Make sure your pet is wearing an appropriately fitted collar with the rabies tag and NLV dog license. You may also want to get him an ID tag with your address and phone number or consider talking to your vet about microchip ID implant. This is beneficial in case your pet loses his collar.

If your pet does stray from home, go to Dewey Animal Shelter to look for him. The shelter will be closed on the Fourth, but will be open on Monday at 11 am.

Dewey Animal Shelter

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July means summer is here! The hot weather us upon us and it's very important **not to leave your dog in a parked car, ever!**

Temperatures in a parked car can reach 120 degrees very quickly and can go even higher! Even with the windows cracked!

A dog's normal body temperature is around 102 degrees. Your pet can with stand a body temperature of 107 for only a few minutes before it will suffer severe brain damage or die from heatstroke!

A dog has to pant to cool down...his is it's normal cooling process. When a dog is panting inside a hot car, the air it's breathing is hotter than it's normal body temperature of 102. This causes the animal to literally bake from the inside out!

Signs of heat stress include:

Hard panting

A lolling tongue

Glazed or unfocused eyes

Mucous membranes inside the mouth will turn from pink to bright red

If your dog shows any of these signs, immerse him in COOL water, not cold, to lower his body temperature. Move him to a shaded spot and let him lick ice cubes. Then get him to a vet immediately!