

Protect your pets during firework season



image: Chelsea Gaya

Prior to the 4th of July:

- Licensing pets helps ensure you will be reunited with them if they become lost. For licensing information, visit petlicense.clark.wa.gov.
- Make sure your pet has updated identification, such as ID tags and microchips.
- Keep a recent picture of your pet.
- If your pet has shown fear of loud noises, check with your veterinarian about medication options.

On the 4th of July:

- Do not take your pet to a fireworks display. Leave them at home, not in your car.
- Exercise your pets earlier in the day before fireworks begin.
- Keep pets inside during fireworks, preferably in a basement or an interior room without doors and windows. Don't leave them unattended, if possible.
- Close doors, windows and curtains and block pet doors/flaps.
- Play music or turn on the TV to muffle fireworks noise.
- Give pets a place to hide where they can feel safe, such as under your bed or a "den" made of blankets and pillows. Pet crates are another good option.
- Comfort and reassure your pet.
- If your pet gets lost, look for it right away by contacting the Humane Society for Southwest Washington, **(360) 639-4746**.



For more information contact Animal Protection and Control at **(360) 397-2489** or visit www.clark.wa.gov/pets