



## Fourth of July Tips for Pets

With Fourth of July preparations just around the corner, one of the most common sights cropping up around America is fireworks tents. As you and your family stop to shop for the loudest and brightest pyrotechnics, stop to consider your pets. Pets have a much stronger sense of hearing and, more importantly, they don't understand the difference between harmless fireworks and a life-threatening occasion to run and hide.

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
*July 5th is the busiest day of the year for animal shelters*  
 Source: American Humane Organization

Often, terrified pets will jump fences or break free from their collars when fireworks are set off, making July 5th the busiest day of the year for animal shelters in the United States. After frantically searching for their lost pets, tired and distraught families finally find their scared, hungry and thirsty pets far from home. In this issue, some tips for keeping your pet from panicking this Independence Day, to make it a safe and enjoyable holiday for your entire family.

### Health



#### HAIRY SITUATION

Does Fido have an itchy bald spot? It may be due to sarcoptic mange mites. Find out what they are and how to keep them away.

### Emergency



#### PLENTY OF FLUIDS

When it comes to the "dog days of summer," you've got to watch for signs of dehydration. Your cat's life may depend on it.

### News



#### SOCIAL MEDIA MIGHT

A 2-year-old bull-terrier was facing euthanasia at a local shelter, until it was miraculously rescued, in part, with the help of Facebook.

### Dog Breed



#### AMERICAN FOXHOUND

Through careful breeding and maintenance, our nation's first president, George Washington, introduced this upstanding breed.

### Top 10



#### SAFETY TIPS

Unlike people, pets don't associate noise, flashes, and pyrotechnics with celebrations. Here's how to keep them safe.

### Cat Breed



#### RUSSIAN BLUE

If you're trying to coordinate your patriotic colors this weekend, look no further than this "blue-coated" feline.

### Fully Vetted



#### VETS VS. PHYSICIANS

Unless our clients consider money no object, how we treat our patients is governed largely by what they can afford.

### The Daily Vet



#### SCHEDULING PLAYTIME

Indoor cats almost always run into trouble with obesity unless they are given adequate outlets for their energy and curiosity.

### Purely Puppy



#### JULY 4TH HAZARDS

Fireworks are only one of the many things you need to worry about this weekend. Learn what else you can do to prepare your pup.