

🎆 Fireworks Are Starting... Is Your Dog Ready? 🐾



1. Check ID Tags & Microchips

- ✅ Make sure your dog is wearing a readable ID tag.
- 👉 No tag or old info? Use a Sharpie to write your number on their collar and cover with clear tape or nail polish.
- 📍 Confirm your dog's microchip is registered and up-to-date.
- 📱 Consider adding a GPS tracker! An Apple AirTag works with the iPhone "Find My" app. Premium options like Fi are great if your budget allows.

2. Check Your Fence & Gates

- 🔒 Secure gates with locks or clips.
- 🔧 Inspect for loose boards, holes, or digging spots.
- 🐕 If your dog is a flight risk, use a leash or long line in the yard from sunset to midnight.

3. Stock Up on Calming Aids

- 📞 Call your vet now—not July 2—for any sedation or anxiety meds.
- 🍪 Pick up calming chews or treats from a local pet supply shop.
- 🌿 Build calm routines over the next two weeks—don't wait until the 4th!

4. Never Leave Pets Outside Unattended

- 🎆 Fireworks can happen anytime. Keep pets indoors day and night.
- 🎵 Use music or TV to help mask outside noise.

5. Stay Home on the 4th

- 🏠 Leave your dog safely inside with music/TV, secure confinement, and a puzzle toy or long-lasting chew. Don't bring pets to fireworks shows!

6. Adjust Walk Times

- 🚶 Avoid walks at dusk or after dark—fireworks are most common then.
- 🌅 Opt for early morning walks, indoor enrichment, or sniffaris at quiet parks using a long line.

7. Socialize Young Dogs Positively

- 🎧 Play low-volume fireworks sounds and pair with treats or toys.
- 👍 Reward calm behavior and build positive associations early.

8. Comfort, Don't Correct

- 💖 It's okay to comfort your scared dog. Don't punish fearful behavior.
- ⚠️ Respect the growl—it's communication. Give your pet space, time, and reassurance.

9. Try Noise-Canceling Gear

- 🐕 Products like **Rex Specs ear protection** can help block loud sounds.

10. Add a Box Fan

- 🌀 Unlike a white noise machine, a box fan circulates air in a way that breaks up sound waves by bouncing air off walls. This helps blur external noises and creates a calmer, more relaxing environment for your dog.

