

SBCAS Tips & Tricks Keep Animals Safe This 4th of July!

Animal Services offers helpful tips to have a pet friendly 4th of July!

With the 4th of July holiday approaching quickly, Santa Barbara County Animal Services (SBCAS) reminds pet owners that many

domestic animals are frightened by fireworks. Each year hundreds of animals are lost as a result of noise related to Independence Day celebrations.



Animal Services wants pet owners to take precautions prior to the festivities to ensure a happy and safe celebration for all.

- **Make sure your dog is wearing a current license tag and update its microchip information.** Animal Services will be able to more quickly reunite a lost animal with their family if the animal is wearing a license or is microchipped and your information is up to date. Animal Services provides free lifetime microchip information for pets that have already been microchipped. **If your animal is not microchipped, [Animal Services](#), [Santa Barbara Humane](#), [C.A.R.E4Paws](#) and [CAPA](#) offer free microchips which includes lifetime registration. Click on the organization names above to visit their websites. Remember to chip your cat, too!)**

- **Keep pets inside.** Bring indoor/outdoor cats and dogs inside. Set up a nice quiet spot in a windowless room, if

possible, or keep them in a crate or kennel. Even if you think your yard is secure, a frightened dog will find a way to escape and a tied up dog may hurt itself trying to get away. Provide them with activities, like toys, to pass the time. You can even cover the crate to provide more security. If you do not have a crate, you may borrow one from your local **Santa Barbara County Animal Services Shelter by providing a copy of your photo ID.**

- **Leave the TV or radio on to distract pets.** Soothing noise may help keep pets calm.
 - **Walk your dog before the fireworks start.** Tiring out your dog with a nice long walk or game of fetch can help them relax and stay calm through the noise.
 - **Do not bring your pet to a fireworks display.** For their safety and the safety of others, please leave your pet(s) at home.
 - **If your dog or cat is especially noise sensitive ,** consider having someone stay home with them, taking them to a boarding facility, or discuss sedatives with your veterinarian.
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FIREWORKS AREN'T FUN FOR EVERYONE

Companion animals can become easily scared from the loud noises of fireworks and are more likely to run away.

Prepare for fast reunification

- 🐾 Collars can break or slip off, but microchips are permanent identifiers as they store your contact information and help finders return your pet
- 🐾 Don't forget: A microchip is not a GPS tracking device, but rather your best chance to reunite your lost pet



Did you know that more pets go missing during firework season than any other time of year?

This year, we've returned over 400 animals home thanks to microchips!

If you know where your pet's microchip is registered, update your contact information there. If you don't know, go to 24PetWatch.com to register for free.



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City of Santa Maria Offers Firework-Free Yard Signs!

The City of Santa Maria is again offering free yard signs in English and in Spanish for Santa Maria noise-sensitive residents in advance of the Fourth of July Weekend.



The signs are intended for pet owners, veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), people with autism, and others with noise sensitivity.

Signs and yard stakes may be picked up by appointment at City Hall, 110 East Cook Street, Mondays through Thursdays. To make an appointment, call the City Public Information Manager at (805) 925-0951 extension 2372.

The fireworks hotline in Santa Maria is (805) 925-0951 extension 3473 (FIRE).

Questions may be directed to the City Manager's Office (805) 925-0951 extension 2372 or extension 2200.



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