

Fireworks! Be Prepared

How to Prepare for the Firework Season.

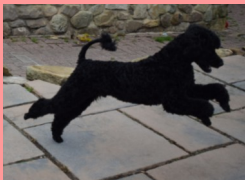
Provide your dog with a den to hide in.

Mask the loud sounds with household loud sounds or classical music or even white noise

Ensure all windows and doors are closed and locked.

Check all gates and fences are secure, many dogs escape in fear with the loud noises

Make sure your pet has been exercised and eaten before darkness falls



Have lots of new toys or games to engage your pet in play, if they wish.



Play search games and mind games to keep your dog occupied during the evenings.



BUILDING A DEN

Build your den a few days before you need it.

A good den can be made from a range of materials

- A cardboard box
- A dog crate
- Under a table

Ensure the den is covered in thick blankets or quilts, so that the sound is deadened and the light cannot get in. Aim to create a dark warm place.

Use lots of bedding in the base so the dog can bury itself if it feels the need.

Place food and toys in the den to encourage the dog to enter the den and get used to it before the explosions start.

Use a hot water bottle under the bedding to make the space warm and inviting.

Never leave a puppy alone on its first Bonfire night, even if you think that it is used to loud noises.

If your dog wants to cuddle with you, let it do so and talk to it in a calm but confident voice.

Wrapping a tight tee-shirt or Thundershirt around the body can help some dogs.

If your pet has had negative experiences before speak to your vet about additional support which can help your pet through the fireworks season.



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