

### Welcome

Hope everyone is enjoying your summer! I'm sure everyone is looking forward to this July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday, especially with the past year we've had. Did you know more pets go missing in the month of July than any other month? In this month's newsletter, we will share some tips on how to keep your pet safe during this celebratory time. If you have any questions or have a topic you would like to hear about please contact our staff at 630-365-9599 or you can contact us via email at 3lburn@sbcglobal.net

### Why do more pets go missing during the month of July?

Independence Day is the biggest contributor to this scary situation. This holiday weekend is full of barbecues, pool parties, and of course fireworks! Though the celebrations are fun and entertaining for us, it can be a very stressful and anxious time for your pet.

With the right preparation you can keep your pet safe.

It isn't just the holiday; the entire season of summer is the most common time for pets to go missing. Barbecues, parties, people going in and out of the house, the noise of the fireworks, can all cause pets to panic. They don't know where the noise is coming from and they try to escape to somewhere safe away from the noise and chaos.

Keep your pet isolated in a room in your home where they can be comfortable, turn on some soothing music; keep some of your pet's favorite toys in this safe space to make it more fun and provide distractions.

### Prepare ahead of time

Make sure your pet has accurate I.D. tags on their collar with your current phone number. Also, make sure your pets are microchipped. If your pet is chipped, always make sure your contact information is current.

Many people think that a microchip is a GPS, this is not true. It is not a locator device; it's a permanent identification for your pet. This chip can be scanned and the number on the microchip can be traced to the owner.

Another thing you can do is to exercise your pet earlier the day of your event and help them to exhaust their pent up energy.

## July 4th PET SAFETY TIPS

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### What to do if your pet gets lost

The very first thing you need to do is get a search party out and make sure they have their cellphones with them. You should go in different directions since you don't know which way your pet went. Also, have a picture of your pet on hand. If your pet is microchipped, contact the

designated recovery service and let them know your pet is missing. Contact your local police department and nearby animal shelters. Put up posters, notify nearby animal clinics as well. Post your missing pet and your contact information on social media.



Just remember to be proactive! Put your pet away in a safe place with some comfortable and soothing distractions. Put them in a room away from where the action is taking place and where no one will be going in and out.



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