



TOP TIPS FOR KEEPING PETS CALM DURING FIREWORKS

Animals have very acute hearing so it's very common for the noise from fireworks to cause distress. The PDSA found that 40% of cat and dog owners report that their pet is afraid of fireworks.

There's lots of advice available on how to keep your pet calm around bonfire night. Every pet is different and you'll know the best way to console your pet. Here are the top 10 tips from our specialists.



Avoid leaving your pet alone around bonfire night



Walk dogs earlier in the day before fireworks start



Keep dogs and cats inside when fireworks are being set off



Ensure doors, windows and catflaps are secured so they can't escape if spooked



Close curtains to minimise the sound and flashes from fireworks



Create a quiet space or provide hiding places where your pet can feel safe



Allow your pet to go away and hide if they want to



Or comfort them if your pet prefers reassurance when stressed



If your pet is usually comfortable with the sound of music or the TV you could switch them on to muffle some of the firework noise



Keep calm and go about your normal routine – pets can pick up on an owner's anxiety and changes in behaviour