

# Animal Anxiety

## Are your summer plans pet friendly?

While the summer months mean parties, fireworks and fun for humans- those events might not be so much fun for your pets. As you enjoy your summer fun, keep in mind some of the tips below for keeping your pets safe and happy.



Know if your pet doesn't like loud noises. Fireworks, concert events, or horns honking during a parade can make them anxious. Consider creating a safe space for them to go to during such events, such as their bed, a crate, or a bedroom with the shades drawn and windows shut to cancel out the noise.



While parties may be fun for you, too many humans might overwhelm your pet. If you take your pet to a party or family picnic, call ahead and see if they have a space for you to set up a kennel or a bedroom for them to relax in if the crowds get to be too much. Also, keep in mind kids love animals- if your pet doesn't do well with little ones and constant touches it might be a good idea to leave them home.



If you are hot, then chances are your pet is just as hot, if not hotter! Help them stay cool by providing ample shade and water. Limit physical activities, such as long hikes, especially during periods of extreme high temperatures. If your pet enjoys the water, consider filling up a kiddie-pool with water and let them splash around.



Unfortunately, there is a chance your pet might get too scared and run off during summer festivities. Check your house and yard to make sure fences are up right with no gaps, holes or places for your pet to sneak through. Also consider taking preventative measures and microchip your pet. If your information is kept up-to-date, returning your lost pet is much easier!

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