

# FIREWORKS - AN EASY GUIDE TO PROTECT YOUR PETS

- **The SPCA is opposed in the strongest to the discharging of fireworks in any form.** Animals have acute hearing, it is said that a dog can hear a grasshopper eating. All animals are affected by fireworks, not only dogs and cats.
- **If possible, stay at home** with your pets and encourage calm behaviour, be calm yourself.
- If you can't be home with them, keep them inside and preferably in a room such as the kitchen where the windows are higher (and more difficult to jump through).
- **Attempt to reduce any noise** by closing curtains and playing calming music at a reasonable volume, to reduce the noise and effect of fireworks.
- **Place familiar and comforting items** around them such as baskets, blankets, toys etc.
- **Provide your dog with something to do** such as chewing a bone or lots of catnip or a catnip toy to your cat.
- **Ensure your pets have a hearty and nutritious meal** around nightfall. This may make them drowsy and more likely to sleep.
- **Take rabbits and other outdoor pets into a garage or outbuilding.**
- **All pets are particularly sensitive to loud noises** and react badly to fireworks.
- **Ask a veterinarian to prescribe a sedative.**
  - **Never, ever give medication for humans to animals.** This includes paracetamol & "Rescue Remedy". Effects on humans and animals are not the same. The consequences could be tragic indeed. The effects and consequences may not be immediate, but long-term health damage could be caused to your pet.
- **Leave your pets to take refuge in a corner if they wish.** Rather leave your pet to hide, as they feel more comfortable in that position.
- **Be careful of swimming pools and large water features,** as frightened animals might fall into the water. As not all breeds of dogs can swim, there is a possibility that they might drown.

**ANY VIOLATION OF THE ACT SHOULD BE REPORTED TO THE LOCAL SAPS, METRO POLICE AND ALSO TO THE SPCA WHERE ANIMALS ARE INVOLVED.**

**Dialling the following numbers should result in Law Enforcement:**

**BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTRE OF METRO POLICE**

**Tel No: 012 - 358 0070 / 082 607 1039**

**FIRE BRIGADE: Tel 012 - 358 6200**

**SA POLICE SERVICE: Tel No 10111**



**For more information please contact SPCA personnel at the following telephone numbers:**

**Pretoria SPCA**

Tel 012 - 803 5219

Emergency Tel No:

083 453 3863

**Centurion SPCA Branch**

Tel 012 - 664 5644

Emergency Tel No:

082 807 5671

**Kungwini SPCA Branch**

Tel 013 - 932 2020

Emergency Tel No:

083 290 7498



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TO PLAN FOR THEIR PETS DURING HOLIDAY TIME**

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