



FIREWORK SEASON

WE ALL ENJOY WATCHING FIREWORKS LIGHT UP THE SKY, BUT WE DO HAVE TO CONSIDER OUR BELOVED PETS, AS IT CAN BE A VERY SCARY TIME FOR THEM. UNFORTUNATELY, THE FIREWORK SEASON CAN STRETCH OVER A 3 MONTH PERIOD, SO HERE ARE SOME HELPFUL TIPS TO HELP YOUR ANIMALS THROUGH THIS DIFFICULT SEASON:

- KEEP PETS INSIDE WITH DOORS, WINDOWS AND CAT FLAPS CLOSED
- WALK DOGS WHILE IT IS STILL LIGHT OUTSIDE, AND TRY NOT TO LEAVE THEM ALONE DURING THE FIREWORKS
- PROVIDE CATS WITH EXTRA LITTER TRAYS

- PROVIDE A DEN, OR SOMEWHERE FOR THEM TO HIDE AND PROVIDE BEDDING OR TOYS THEY ARE FAMILIAR WITH
- DRAW CURTAINS, LEAVE LIGHTS ON, AND TRY TO MASK THE SOUND OF FIREWORKS WITH THE TELEVISION OR RADIO
- TRY TO PROVIDE DISTRACTIONS DURING THE FIREWORKS
- DO NOT PUNISH PETS, IGNORE ANY FEARFUL BEHAVIOUR AND CARRY ON AS USUAL

WE DO NOT RECOMMEND SEDATING ANIMALS DURING THIS TIME, AS THIS CAN OFTEN INCREASE THEIR ANXIETY AND BE UNSURE OF THEIR SURROUNDINGS. FOR DOGS, WE RECOMMEND A PRODUCT CALLED DAP WHICH IS AN APPEASING PHEROMONE TO REDUCE ANXIETY, AND STRESS LEVELS. THIS COMES IN A FORM OF SPRAY, DIFFUSER AND

COLLAR, AND IS MORE EFFECTIVE IF STARTED A COUPLE OF WEEKS BEFORE THE EVENT.

FOR CATS, WE RECOMMEND FELIWAY WHICH RELEASES PHEROMONES IDENTICAL TO THE FACIAL PHEROMONE CATS RELEASE TO MARK OBJECTS IN THE ENVIRONMENT. THIS IS AVAILABLE IN A SPRAY AND A DIFFUSER.

FOR FURTHER ADVICE, OR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE PRODUCTS, PLEASE CONTACT THE SURGERY ON 020 8940 1090.

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