



STORMS | FIREWORKS

Storms and Fireworks

Fireworks night is traditionally a time of celebration and fun, but for animals it is quite a different story. Many dogs are literally sent into a frenzy of terror when fireworks explode. Many will run madly in a blind panic, mindlessly damaging anything in their wake or worse still running out into the path of oncoming cars. Some will lose control of their bodily functions, while others will bark or howl.

We cannot totally remove the fear that fireworks and storms cause but we can help our dogs to feel secure.

Some tips for caring for your dog during storms or fireworks:

- Dogs should be given a small, dark space so they can run and hide when the “fun” starts.
- Some dogs hide in cupboards or under the bed.
- Dogs really need a covered crate insulated with rubber-backed carpet to dull the sound and it should be placed in a safe, quiet corner of the house.
- Some dogs like to be covered up completely with a blanket, just as we would if we were absolutely terrified.
- Owners aren't always at home to watch over their dogs when the fireworks start, so they should get their dog into the habit of fleeing to their safe haven, even when they're not present.
- Homeopathic vets will no doubt be able to suggest a remedy that suits your particular dog.
- Although tempting, if you comfort your dog during any fearful situations (e.g. storms, fireworks, car backfiring) you are only reinforcing their anxious behaviour

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