

How to Prepare Your Dog for Bonfire Night

For some dogs however the noises and unpredictable bangs of fireworks can be quite stressful. These are some ways in which you can help your dog to cope. However if your dog shows severe symptoms then you may need the help of a behaviourist.



The 8 point plan below can help you to prepare your dog for the firework season

1. Walk your dog early if possible before fireworks start.
2. Prepare a safe place for your dog where he can hide, a cardboard box for example or a dark corner where he can feel safe.
3. Pets can go missing during bonfire night so make sure that your pet is secure in the house before fireworks start and that they are either wearing a collar with identification or are microchipped
4. Keep your dog indoors with the curtains and external doors closed to reduce the noise before fireworks start.
5. Try to distract your dog with a game or some training or a stuffed kong
6. Behave as though there is nothing to worry about, praise your dog for remaining relaxed.
7. A week or so before you expect fireworks use an ADPTIL collar or diffuser for your dog. This will help your dog to relax.
8. Turn up the radio or television can help to mask the noise of fireworks.

