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WHO: Central California Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals/Fresno County Humane Society (CCSPCA)

WHAT: 4th of July Pet Safety and Preparedness Tips

WHEN: Tuesday June 27, 2023

WHERE: 103 S. Hughes Ave., Fresno, CA 93706

WHY: As the upcoming 4th of July holiday approaches CCSPCA is issuing the following safety tips to keep pets, especially dogs, safe this week.

- Make sure your cats and dogs have identification tags with up-to-date information.
- Take a current photo of all of your cats, dogs, and horses.
- Leave your pets at home when you go to parties, fireworks displays, parades, and other gatherings. Loud fireworks, unfamiliar places, and crowds can all be very frightening to pets, and there's great risk of pets becoming spooked and running away.
- Consider putting your pets in a safe, escape-proof room or crate during parties and fireworks.
- If guests are over, ask them to help keep an eye on your pets to make sure they don't escape. Being diligent by placing notes on exit doors and gates can help keep your pet's safety top of mind.
- Keep your pets inside if you or your neighbors are setting off fireworks.
- Keep sparklers, glow sticks, fireworks, charcoal, and kabob skewers away from curious pets.
- Too much sun and heat can be dangerous to pets. Keep them inside when it's extremely hot and make sure they have access to shady spots and plenty of water when outdoors.
- Do not leave pets outside for extended periods of time in hot weather without access to water and shelter as this can be considered animal abuse.
- Talk to your vet about a mild sedative for your pet, if necessary. Now is the time to do it, not the day before the holiday.

Citizens are already shooting off fireworks and it is imperative to keep these tips in mind all week long. City and county residents should turn in all lost animals to their respective animal shelter.

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"Be a Life Saver - Be a Hero - Save a Life" by adopting a shelter animal.

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