

DO's and DON'Ts

How to Help Cats with Fear of Fireworks

At least one week before the event

- If possible keep your cat confined to the house for the week leading up to the event. Provide a litter tray
- Make sure the cat has some form of identification i.e. microchip to trace it if it does manage to escape
- One week before the event plug a Feliway[®] Diffuser in the room your cat uses to rest
- Make sure there are plenty of bolt holes and places to hide inside the home



On the day of the event

- Check the cat is definitely inside the house and that escape routes to the outside are blocked
- Create a darkened room and put on some music or the TV to drown out the firework noise
- Wherever the cat chooses to hide leave it well alone until it feels safe enough to emerge
- Do not punish or fuss your cat during the event
- Stay calm and act normally

After the event

- Leave the FELIWAY[®] Diffuser plugged in for at least one week after the event
- If similar events are likely to happen over a number of nights maintain FELIWAY[®] Diffuser throughout the whole period

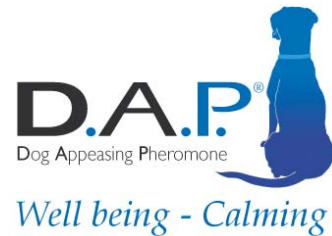
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DO's and DON'Ts

How to Help Dogs Overcome Fear of Fireworks

At least one week before the event

- Prepare a refuge area for your dog to go during the fireworks
- Encourage your dog to use it by hiding food treats there
- Plug a D.A.P.[®] Diffuser in the room the dog uses to rest and relax and leave it switched on at all times



On the day of the event

- At sundown, draw thick curtains or blinds across the windows in the room where the dog will retreat to. Ensure some toys are available for the dog to play with
- Make sure you have something to do in this room so you can stay with your dog
- Put some music on, preferably something with a lot of constant drumbeats. It does not have to be loud
- Ignore the firework noise yourself and try to engage your pet in some form of active game
- Ignore any fearful behaviour. Don't fuss or attempt to reassure your dog when it is scared as this rewards the behaviour
- Don't punish your dog either; it only confirms that there was something to be afraid of
- Make sure your dog is kept in a safe and secure environment at all times
- Allow free access to the refuge area/hidey hole at all times
- D.A.P.[®] Spray can be applied onto the dogs bedding on the night of the event for additional reassurance

After the event

- Leave the D.A.P.[®] Diffuser plugged in for a week
- If similar events are likely to happen over a number of nights maintain a D.A.P.[®] Diffuser throughout the whole period
- Consult your veterinary surgeon or a qualified behaviourist to discuss further treatment

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