# Fireworks Night: Keeping Your Dog Safe and Happy

Fireworks Night can be a stressful time for dogs. The loud bangs and bright lights can be frightening, and some dogs may even become aggressive. If you're planning on attending a fireworks display with your dog, there are a few things you can do to help them stay safe and happy.

#### **Before the Display**

- Make sure your dog is up-to-date on their vaccinations. This will help to protect them from any diseases that they may come into contact with at the display.
- Put a collar and ID tag on your dog. This will help to identify them if they get lost.
- Walk your dog before the display. This will help to tire them out so that they're less likely to be anxious during the fireworks.
- Feed your dog a light meal before the display. This will help to prevent them from getting an upset stomach from the excitement.

#### **During the Display**



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- Keep your dog on a leash at all times. This will help to prevent them from running off and getting lost.
- Find a quiet spot to sit with your dog. This will help to minimize the noise and lights that they're exposed to.
- Cover your dog's ears with your hands or a blanket. This will help to muffle the noise of the fireworks.
- Talk to your dog in a soothing voice. This will help to calm them down.
- Don't force your dog to stay if they're scared. If your dog is showing signs of distress, take them home.

#### **After the Display**

- Check your dog for any injuries. The loud bangs and bright lights of fireworks can cause injury to dogs' ears, eyes, and skin.
- Give your dog a bath. This will help to remove any debris or chemicals that they may have come into contact with at the display.
- Feed your dog a healthy meal. This will help to replace any nutrients that they may have lost during the excitement.

#### **Tips for Dogs Who Are Scared of Fireworks**

If your dog is scared of fireworks, there are a few things you can do to help them cope.

- Start by gradually exposing them to the sound of fireworks. You
  can do this by playing recordings of fireworks at a low volume and
  gradually increasing the volume over time.
- Create a safe space for your dog. This could be a crate, a bed under the stairs, or even a closet. Make sure that the space is quiet and dark, and that your dog has access to water and a blanket.
- Stay calm and reassuring around your dog. This will help them to feel less anxious.
- If your dog is very scared, you may want to consider talking to a veterinarian about medication. There are a number of medications that can help to reduce anxiety in dogs.

Fireworks Night can be a fun and exciting time for humans, but it can be stressful for dogs. By following these tips, you can help to keep your dog safe and happy during the festivities.



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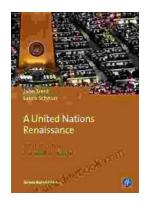
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