



TRAINING TIP: *Fireworks*

Our Top Tips for helping your dog this firework season

Tip One

Create safe **SPACES**, more than one! Your dog needs to choose where they feel safest. Have a safe space near to you (where you sit regularly in the living room), one in the same room (but further away) and one in another room as some dogs will choose to hide. Remember to check on them regularly but don't try to move them from where they have chosen to be.

Putting a duvet or something padded under their den/safe space can help prevent vibrations from loud bangs coming up through the bed.

Tip Two

COMFORT YOUR DOG IF THEY ASK FOR IT.....
Stay home with them if you can.

Tip Three

Turning the TV or radio on to help muffle outside sounds, turning lights on and keeping curtains/blinds closed can all help your dog to feel more comfortable.

Tip Four

Before allowing your dog to go outside to toilet, make sure your garden is completely secure, and that all gates are closed. If they are comfortable enough to do so, allow them to go outside when needed but never force them.

Tip Five

Walk your dogs before dark, if you can't do this you can hire a dog walker or ask friends or family.

Tip Six

You may want to stay up extra late and take your dog into the garden once the noise has quietened down so they can toilet. Avoid going out between 5 pm and 10 pm when fireworks are usually at their peak.

Tip Seven

If your dog has an extreme fear of fireworks you must seek veterinary advice as they may be able to provide a calming supplement.

If your dog is fearful of fireworks speak to your dog training professional about how to prepare for next year to help your dog try to overcome their worries.

