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HAPPY

INDEPENDENCE ★

DAY

WISHING YOU  
AND YOUR FAMILY  
A HAPPY AND SAFE 4TH OF JULY!



As the 4th of July is approaching fast. We hope everyone will have a wonderful 4th of July. Here are a few pointers to help make sure your fur-babies are safe.

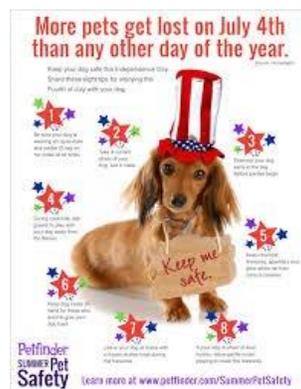
Thankfully, most pets aren't directly exposed to fireworks. However, the biggest perpetrators of the July 4th anxiety for your pet are pet noise phobias. The loud gunshot-like sounds can cause anxiety, stress, and fear in pets of all kinds. When in doubt, keep your pet indoors in a quiet, dark room that is isolated from the sound. The loud noises from fireworks can cause a pet especially a cat to hide for days, keeping your pets indoors will also keep them from crowded and dangerous roads.

**Increase Creature Comforts:** If you're hosting a party, keep your pet in a cool, well-ventilated room. Play the radio, throw in some toys and fluff up a bed for Fluffy. If you attend a party elsewhere, set up this room to keep your pet safe and comfortable while you are away.

If you store fireworks in your house, keep in mind that unused fireworks can be poisonous if ingested by curious dogs or cats. Fireworks contain hazardous chemicals such as: Chlorates, Soluble barium salts, Sulfur, Coloring agents. If you notice your pet ingesting fireworks, don't induce vomiting at home. Seek emergency guidance whether it be calling Pet Poison Helpline at (800) 213-6680 or visiting your nearest emergency veterinarian.

**Beware of Barbecues:** Alcoholic beverages, lighter fluid, matches and insect repellents like citronella candles can be toxic or deadly to dogs and cats when ingested or inhaled. Make sure these stay outside and away from your pet. Mind the scraps as well; cooked bones can splinter and injure them as they swallow it.

Have a SAFE and WONDERFUL Holiday!



It is hot outside and even though the people are sweating, don't forget that the dogs can't. Even a quick run into the grocery store could kill your pets.....please leave them home where it is nice and cool!



It is raining medium dogs!



Big Dog Rescue takes in big dogs, dogs that think they are big and MEDIUM DOGS too!

These two beautiful medium sized girls are Kendall and Sheila and they have been in our foster programs for several months. They both came to Big Dog from the Bainbridge Humane Society.

Kendall is a 3 year old blue cattle dog mix. She is not quite knee high, slightly built and very elegant looking. She was raising three-month old puppies under a house before they

were all taken to the Bainbridge Humane Society in February. She really impressed the shelter workers with her kind nature and, even though she was heartworm positive, they wanted to be sure she made it into rescue. Kendall has now been vaccinated, spayed, microchipped, and has been cleared of her heartworms. She is looking for her forever home!

Sheila is a one year old merle colored mix little girl. Sheila also came to Big Dog from the Bainbridge Humane Society after being abandon over a month before. She gets along well with all of the other dogs in her foster home and loves kids! She has an excellent disposition, a slightly submissive personality and an affectionate nature. Sheila is also spayed, currently vaccinated, microchipped, and heartworm negative.

Consider a new MEDIUM sized pal for your home this summer!



#### Upcoming Events:

PetSmart Adoption Day: Saturday, July 11 10:30am until 3:30pm

PetSmart Adoption Day: Saturday, July 25 10:30am until 3:30pm



**Mark your calendar for Saturday, August 2, 2014!**

After many years of talking and planning, Big Dog Rescue has helped to open a thrift store! The store is named Thrifting for Animals and Children in Tallahassee (you can like them on facebook for updates and to follow their progress.) The proceeds from the store will benefit Big Dog Rescue and will give another opportunity for local students to volunteer in order to complete their community service hours. TACT's store front is at 3345 North Monroe Street Suite C (near the Wal-Mart & across from the Gingerbread Day School.) They are currently accepting donations of any resellable items and are planning a grand opening for August 2, 2014.

Please consider donating and shopping to help the Big Dogs and the kids!

