

How to deal with Fireworks:



Mild noise stress: distraction, CBD (VetCS), stress-releasing treats (Composure, Rescue remedy), nutritional enrichment, Thunder shirt/smell. Thunder jackets can be a sign that the fireworks are going to happen and make things worse so only bring them out once the fireworks have started.



Intense noise stress (shake, cower, hide, drool): **Pharmaceuticals**
Need to talk with your vet. Partnered with Thunder Jacket, a safe place, and moral support. Ensure your dog doesn't have a weird reaction to pharmaceuticals before the event.

Creating a Safe Zone: dog bed, white noise, enrichment, safe toys, periodically check on them, let them hide. Make sure it's a safe place for a dog to be. Most dogs chose a bathtub. Do not close your dog in a create.
Not all dogs want to be touched, only touch your dog if they approach you.



Are you taking your dog to Parties: Update tags and microchips and keep your dog on a leash. Ensure gates and doors are secured. Ensure they aren't eating food they shouldn't be. Make sure there is a lot of water. Know your dog! Are there kids? Other dogs? Loud people? Loud music? Is it worth taking your dog? Too many stimuli?

Desensitize and Counterconditioning during the off-season: Play firework noise on a speaker at low volume and treat when they hear the noise. This will change how your dog feels about the loud sound. Then slowly raise the volume while treating your dog. Always be watching your dog's body language if it gets to be too much lower the volume and try again or stop altogether and try again another day. Video on Desensitize and Counterconditioning: Help Your Dog Deal with Fireworks & Loud Noises | The Battersea Way <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P2oYXs47a0s>

