Happy Birthday, America! Amidst all the fun and good times, it is easy to forget about our pets safety and well-being. Noisy celebrations, especially fireworks, can frighten our pets and put them at risk. So keep in mind these simple tips to be sure this holiday is a memorable one for all the right reasons.

**TIP 1:** Make sure your dog or cat always has access to a comfortable, quiet, safe place to hide, whether it is a closet, under a piece of furniture or in their crate.

**TIP 2:** Keep toys in your pet’s safe area to make the area more fun and to provide distractions from loud noises and flashes.

**TIP 3:** Make time to exercise your pet during daylight hours and keep them safely indoors after fireworks begin.

**TIP 4:** At dusk, close your windows and curtains and turn on some music to muffle the noise.

**TIP 5:** Ignore signs of fear unless the pet is likely to get hurt - and never punish them if they are scared.

**TIP 6:** Make sure your pet's AKC Reunite microchip enrollment is up to date in case your pet manages to escape, by visiting online at [www.akcreunite.org](http://www.akcreunite.org) or call us at 800-252-7894.

**KEEP YOUR PET SAFE THIS INDEPENDENCE DAY.**