

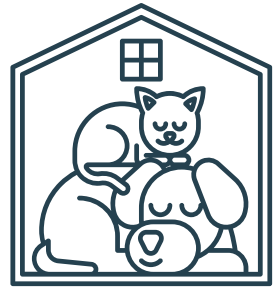
IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

FIREWORKS NOTIFICATION

August 24th 9:00 pm
New Westminster Quay

DEAR NEIGHBOUR ,

As part of our Farewell to Summer Festival on Saturday August 24th we will have a celebration with fireworks at 9:00 pm. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause to you and your pets. We are aware of the impact that fireworks have on people, the environment and animals, and we are working on alternatives for future events. For now, we want to share with you some tips to help your pets to cope with the stress the fireworks might cause to them.



New Westminster Hyack Festival Association



DOGS

- Walk your dog during daylight hours to avoid times when fireworks are scheduled to be set off.
- Move your dog to a safe haven before the fireworks begin. Provide toys and other things that they enjoy in the safe haven.
- Make sure there are things for you to do too, so your dog isn't left alone.
- Close windows and curtains to muffle the sound of fireworks. Blackout your doggy safe haven, so they can't see any flashes outside.
- Put on some music or TV to mask the firework sounds.
- Ignore the firework noises yourself. Play with a toy to see if your dog wants to join in, but don't force them to play.
- Have up-to-date identification, including a collar with a tag and an ear tattoo or a microchip, just in case they go missing.

CATS

- Provide hiding places in your home .e.g. under furniture or a quiet corner.
- Don't stress your cat by trying to tempt them out. Leave them until they're ready.
- Keeping them in to avoid them becoming stressed.
- Microchip your cats in case they're startled and escape outside.

SMALL ANIMALS

- Partly cover outside cages and pens with blankets so it's soundproofed and hidden, leaving an area for animals to look out.
- Provide bedding for small animals to burrow in.
- Consider bringing them indoors - this will need to be done gradually, so plan ahead.