



# Stay cool, stay calm

## 5 New Year's Eve tips for pet owners

Many pets are frightened or even panicked when fireworks erupt on New Year's Eve. They simply can't come to terms with this unexpected situation: the sudden noise frightens them, the unfamiliar light effects may lead to an anxiety reaction. If they have the same negative experience year after year, this feeling of anxiety is reinforced, with worsening effects.

## 01 Do not leave your pets alone.



The best way to spend New Year's Eve if you have a pet is with a group of friends at home enjoying a peaceful evening. An animal with noise anxiety should never be left alone to deal with their panic.

## 02 Provide a safe retreat.



It's not only the loud noises that frighten pets, but also the unfamiliar light effects of the fireworks that can be terrifying. So it is best to close all shutters, darken small animal enclosures and offer cats a cozy hiding place, such as a cat carrier or a cardboard box.

## 03 Turn on the TV or play music.



This buffers the loud noise of the fireworks outside and creates a relaxed atmosphere.

## 04 Stay calm.

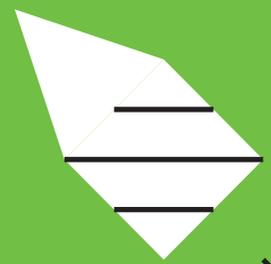


As a pet owner, it's important that you stay calm. Animals pick up on our mood. If we are stressed, our pets become insecure. If we remain calm and relaxed, we provide a sense of wellbeing that has a positive effect on our pets.

## 05 Safety first.



It's best to keep dogs on a leash for a few days for safety. Keep cats, if possible, temporarily indoors. Bring large animals into the barn. Rabbits and pigs that are kept outdoors can be moved to a cool, dark place indoors until New Year's Eve is over.



Since every animal reacts differently and fear can manifest itself in different ways, it is advisable to seek the advice of a veterinarian and have an individual anti-anxiety plan drawn up.

