

Keep Pets Safe/Secure this July 4th

Independence Day is not a time of celebration for pets. The fireworks that humans find thrilling can drive pets, especially dogs, into a state of panic. The explosions (even miles away), the high-pitched swoosh of rockets climbing into the sky, the flashes of light -- these can all be overwhelming sensory assaults for animals.

If your pets are terrified of fireworks, you probably know the signs: they cower, tremble in fear, become disoriented and may hide or run away. Some dogs become so frightened they take drastic action. They can crash through a screen door, jump out of a window or leap a fence.

Every year, Portland animal shelters have their hands full dealing with lost dogs who bolted on July 4th, cats that have gone missing and anxious owners looking for them. Sadly, some lost pets are never recovered.

There are ways to make July 4th safer and less stressful for pets. Keep your pet inside as much as possible on July 4th (and for a few days before and after if your pet is extremely phobic about fireworks). If

you find a stray animal, please keep them with you until your local animal shelter is open and ready to receive them.

The Oregon Humane Society urges pet owners to follow the suggestions below to ensure their pets will not run off.

1) Make sure all pets, even indoor-only cats, are wearing a collar with an identification tag that includes your name and telephone number. A microchip is also a good idea. Terrified animals will become confused and disoriented. They may end up miles from home or deep under a neighbor's porch. This simple precaution will save a lot of anguish, time, and energy.

2) Fireworks are on sale now, which means people are shooting them off early. Walk dogs in the early evening -- well before nightfall -- to prevent undue stress from noisy fireworks.

3) During neighborhood firework displays, keep all pets safely inside. Dogs, and cats, who are agitated should be put into a bathroom or other room with no windows and with the door secure. Remember that screen doors will not stop a

charging dog. Please do not take a dog to watch a large commercial firework display. This only increases the chances of your pet becoming lost in an unfamiliar area.

4) In extreme cases, check with your veterinarian about tranquilizers.

If your pet becomes lost during the holiday (or at any time):

1) Immediately check with your local animal control agency.

2) Put up flyers with a photo and detailed description of the missing pet.

3) The Craigslist Website (<http://portland.craigslist.org/>) offers free lost and found pet postings.

4) Check around the neighborhood carefully. Lost cats have been found days later hiding under a bush in front of their owners' homes. For dogs, expand the search area further than expected as a precaution. http://www.oregonhumane.org/lost_pets/overview.asp contains detailed information on what to do if you lost or found a pet, including links to county control agencies and tips for finding your missing pet.

Register Now for Rural Living Field Day!

The 2014 Rural Living Field Day is set for Saturday, August 23, from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM at Howell Territorial Park on Sauvie Island. To register, just visit the West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District website at www.wmswcd.org and click on "Events." The cost is only \$15 per person or \$20 for families. Morning beverages and snacks will be served as well as a fully catered lunch!

Rural Living Field Day is a fun event for rural landowners and this year the event is sponsored by West Multnomah, Tualatin and Columbia Soil & Water Conservation Districts and the Oregon Small Woodland Association. The event features speakers addressing a wide variety of issues that face rural homeowners, farmers, and land managers every day. Topics include wildlife, forests, pollinators, invasive weeds, orchards, riparian restoration, crops and soil health, and manure composting.

Speakers include:

- Tonia Lordy, Home Orchard Society
- Mike Cloughesy, Oregon Forest Resources Institute

- Michael Ahr, West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District
- Chas McCoy, Scappoose Bay Watershed Council
- Roslyn Gray, Natural Resource Conservation Service
- Chip Bubl, OSU Extension
- Liz Ruther, Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife
- Dean Moberg, Natural Resource Conservation Service
- Megan Denton, Able Farms

The location of the event will give participants the opportunity to visit a stream riparian area, a woodland stand, an orchard, a working organic farm and barn. Folks will participate in some hands-on demonstrations and will be able to ask the experts about specific concerns during the break-out sessions. Whether you're a seasoned landowner or just starting your own farm, this is the event for you!

Rural Living Field Day is also a great time for landowners to meet each other and share concerns and ideas about their properties and operations, and make valuable professional and personal contacts.

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