



Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

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From: Sergeant Kym Thompson

Subject: July 4th Festivities and Pets

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The July 4th holiday is almost here and the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office Animal Shelter would like to remind pet owners of the dangers associated with those festivities and animals. Every 4th of July holiday brings loud noises and disturbing activities which frighten animals, causing otherwise docile and friendly pets to become agitated. When frightened, animals will often run away. To reduce the likelihood of an accident or injury, do not allow your pet to be in the vicinity of fireworks or other loud noises.

We suggest keeping your pet indoors, in the garage or in a secured pen during the holiday celebrations. Make sure your dog is licensed, and is wearing a collar with the license tag securely attached. The Sheriff's Office Animal Shelter strongly encourages pet owners to micro-chip their dogs and cats. Local veterinarians and animal welfare groups can assist with micro-chipping. This is cheap insurance to assure you and your pet will be re-united should they become lost.

If your pet does get lost please contact the Humboldt County Sheriff's Animal Shelter as soon as possible at 707-840-9132. The shelter is located at 980 Lycoming Ave in McKinleyville, next to the airport. The shelter will be closed on Thursday July 4th, 2013 and will be open again on Friday, July 5th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for adoptions and redemptions of animals. If your pet becomes lost, we recommend that you contact us here at the shelter or check our website at www.petharbor.com to view all of our animals. If you find a lost animal, please report it to the appropriate law enforcement/ animal regulatory agency where the animal was found.

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