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Re: Independence Day and Pet Safety

(New Hanover County)— July 4 is the day America celebrates its independence from tyranny and oppression. It should also be known as “Leave your pet at home” day. Many animal companions become frightened or agitated at the sounds of fireworks. Many can also become sick from the hot dogs, beer and other foods consumed by us as we mark the birth of our nation.

New Hanover County Animal Control Services reminds pet owners to keep their pets away from the potential dangers associated with Fourth of July observances. Pets should be kept in a safe, secure area where the boom and crackle of fireworks will not cause them to become overly excited. New Hanover County Ordinance also prohibits the tethering of dogs on ropes or chains. Rich foods can also irritate the tummies of animals or cause other health complications.

The Humane Society of the United States has these recommendations and others, to ensure a safe Independence Day for pets:

http://www.hsus.org/pets/pet_care/summer_care_tips_for_you_and_your_pets/keep_your_pet_safe_on_july_4th.html

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