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Pet Safety Tips for Independence Day Weekend

Beaufort County encourages pet owners to plan ahead for the well-being of their pets during the Independence Day weekend. Every year at this time, the County's Animal Services Department receives an influx of 30 to 60 lost dogs and cats.

“Loud fireworks and large crowds can distress animals, so avoid taking them to Independence Day activities,” said Animal Services Director Tallulah Trice. “Instead, keep your pets safe and comfortable in a quiet, sheltered, and escape-proof area at home.”

Trice added that exposure to lit fireworks can potentially result in severe burns or trauma to the face and paws of curious pets. Even unused fireworks can pose a danger, since many varieties contain potentially toxic substances, such as arsenic.

Individuals losing a pet should notify the Animal Services Department at shelter@bcgov.net or 843-255-5010. The public is also welcome to post a photo of lost or found animals on the department's [Facebook page](#). For more Fourth of July pet safety tips, click [here](#).