



How to Keep Your Pets Safe During Upcoming Holiday Celebrations

Operation Kindness is Recognizing National Lost Pet Prevention Month in July

CARROLLTON, Texas (July 3, 2019) – July is here, which means many people are gearing up for the annual holiday celebrating when America became an independent nation. With all of the festivities, it is important to remember this holiday can be extremely stressful for your furry friends. This year, [Operation Kindness](#) – the original and largest no-kill animal shelter in North Texas – is providing tips on how to make sure the celebrations go smoothly for every person and animal involved.

Picture your backyard with meat sizzling on the grill, music playing in the background, people laughing and talking, and once nightfall arrives, sparklers, Roman Candles and bottle rockets being set off left and right. While that sounds like the perfect celebration, it actually causes an extreme amount of anxiety for your pets

“It is important to take precautionary steps in the days leading up to your holiday celebrations,” said Karen Reese, animal behavior coordinator at Operation Kindness. “Strange and unexpected noises can cause your dog to react in a similar manner. This can result in aggressive or scared behavior, and they may even try to escape, hoping to get away from what is frightening them.”

Reese explained how providing a safe and secure place for your pet to be during holiday parties is best as it rules out the chance of them escaping through an open door. Setting them up with a few of their favorite toys, their favorite bed and a delicious treat like a stuffed Kong will help ease their mind and keep them busy as the commotion continues.

“The days surrounding the Fourth of July are some of the busiest for animal shelters all year,” said Reese. “Pet owners are often not fully aware of the necessary steps to take for keeping their animals safe or how to calm them down, so shelters will experience an increase on animal-intake of almost three times the normal amount.”

Operation Kindness wants to extend their efforts and knowledge by providing the community with a helpful guide of actions to take leading up to Independence Day. To view the interactive guide, click here: http://newsroom.trizcom.com/uploads/Operation_Kindness_Lost_Pet_Prevention.pdf and visit their website <https://operationkindness.org> to sign up for their email, which provides weekly tips and ways to get involved with the organization.



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About Operation Kindness

Founded in 1976, Operation Kindness is the original and largest no-kill animal shelter in North Texas. Its mission is to care for homeless cats and dogs in a no-kill environment until each is adopted into a

responsible home. As an advocate for humane values and behaviors, Operation Kindness has been able to save more than 105,000 animals since its inception. The shelter assists more than 5,000 cats and dogs each year, caring for an average of 400 animals daily. To learn more about Operation Kindness, please visit their website at <https://operationkindness.org>.

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