



## NEWS RELEASE

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## Safety tips for pets for the July 4 holiday

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The division of Animal Care and Control would like to remind pet owners that pets require extra attention during the July 4 holiday period. Fireworks can frighten pets into fleeing from their home. The best way to avoid this is to bring your pets inside *before* it begins to get dark.

If you are unable to bring your pets inside, ensure that their enclosure (yard, kennel, etc.) is secure, or they are tethered appropriately. Pets should always wear a form of identification on their collar with information that is current. This allows a good Samaritan who locates your animal to contact you directly and quickly. Collars with tags can fall off. Microchipping pets provides an additional and secure method of identifying your pets.

Should your pet run away, check the animal shelter that services your area as well as the shelters that service the surrounding areas. San Bernardino County Animal Care and Control provides animal services for most unincorporated areas of the county and the cities of Big Bear Lake, Highland, and Yucaipa. Shelter services are also provided for the city of Rialto. More information on area shelters can be found on the Animal Care and Control webpage or by clicking [here](#).

Additionally, with the use of fireworks and hot, dry weather, there is an increased fire danger. Make sure that your family has a disaster plan that *includes* your pet's needs for water and food.

San Bernardino County Animal Care and Control can be contacted by calling (800) 472-5609 or visit our [web page](#).

Animal Care and Control is doing its part to help the community achieve the [Countywide Vision](#) by ensuring residents have the resources they need to provide the necessities of life for their families and pets.

