



PARKSIDE

CLIENT INFORMATION HANDOUT

THE DO'S & DON'T'S FOR THE FIREWORK SEASON

2 WEEKS BEFORE THE EVENT:

- Plug in a D.A.P – diffuser the room the dog uses to rest and relax. You can purchase a DAP Diffuser for as little as £25-51 which lasts for 1 month (running 24 hours a day). Refills cost £18-12. The diffusers release a substance known as pheromone which helps to make the dog feel more secure and therefore less anxious.
- DAP Spray can be used to augment specific areas and costs £20-27 for 60ml
- DO NOT switch the plug on and off.

ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT:

- Don't punish your dog when he is scared, it only confirms that there was something to be afraid of.
- Don't fuss or try to reassure your dog when he is scared as this rewards the behaviour.
- Ignore any fearful behaviour that occurs for no good reason.
- Make sure your dog is kept in a safe and secure environment at all times so that it doesn't bolt and escape if a sudden noise occurs.
- When the season begins try to move your dog to a blacked out room at sundown with toys etc for him and preferably things for you to do as well, so he is not abandoned in the room. Blackening out the room remove potential additional problems from flashing lights etc.
- Put some music on if your dog and you can tolerate it, rap or something with a lot of constant drumbeats is best. It doesn't have to be very loud as long as there is a constant distracting beat to the music.
- Ignore the noises yourself and try to engage your pet in some form of active game.
- If you know of a dog that is not scared by the noises and gets on with your own dog then keeping the two together during the evening may help. Playing with the non-fearful dog if your own dog becomes scared may help to encourage the fearful dog that all is not so bad after all.

Medication may be useful in some cases but should only be used under Veterinary supervision. If using any drugs they should be given so they take effect before any noise starts or panic set in.

AFTER THE EVENT:

Leave the DAP diffuser plugged in for one week. If it is likely that similar events will happen several times in the same period.

Do not just ignore the problem because it only happens once or twice a year. Instigate a desensitisation programme once the season is over and you have control over the environment again.

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