



BLACKWIDOW FIREWORKS



RESPONSIBLE COMMUNITY FIREWORKS

Fireworks Notification

Place: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

"Australia's favourite fireworks"

RSPCA is opposed to the sale of fireworks to the general public. However, in the ACT it is legal to sell certain types of fireworks. If you buy fireworks, please act responsibly when letting them off.

RSPCA advises there are a number of ways you can help safeguard your pets:

Dogs

- Exercise and feed your dog prior to nightfall, a well fed and tired dog is less likely to stress or damage themselves trying to escape.
- Dogs should be contained in the house or outdoor enclosure, prior to night fall, with all possible exits blocked, including windows.
- If you have to be away from your animals during firework activity, provide a safe space indoors with chew toys/bones and their normal bedding.
- You can also leave a radio on to give comfort.
- Ensure that your pet is registered, which is the law for dogs.
- Ensure that your pet has identification of some form, which is the law in the ACT.
- If you know your pet suffers from firework stress and you can't stay with your animal, organise a 'dog sitter' or enquire about medication from your vet.

Cats

- Cats generally will try and go underground and enter places such as drains at the first sign of fireworks.
- All cats should be brought indoors at nightfall regardless of firework activity, but especially this weekend.
- You should feed your cats before nightfall.
- Ensure that your pet has identification of some form, which is the law in the ACT. RSPCA recommends a micro chip.

Horses

- Some horses suffer from firework phobia and should be housed away from activity, exercised and fed during daylight hours.
- In extreme cases veterinary help should be sort.

Caged Birds

- Should be brought inside with their cages covered.
- In outdoor aviaries confine birds to smaller areas and cover caging with thick rugs/blankets, leaving space for air circulation.

If your pet is lost during the Queens birthday long weekend, contact RSPCA on 1300 477722 or visit the website which is www.rspca-act.org.au. You can also call Canberra Connect on 13 2281 to help find your lost pet.