

Help your dog overcome fear of fireworks

If this is your puppies first firework night make sure you plan ahead and be prepared. If you get it right now it will greatly reduce the likelihood of problems in the future.

At least one week before

Prepare a den for your dog e.g. a crate covered with blankets, encourage your dog to use it by hiding food treats in it. Place it in the middle of the house where the noise will be dullest.

Plug in an Adaptil diffuser (a calming pheromone, available from your vets) in room the dog uses to rest , leave it switched on at all times.

On the day of the event

- Exercise your dog before dark and on a lead in case early fireworks are heard.
- As it starts to get dark move dog to blacked out room. Ensure treats and toys are available. Stay with your dog. Try to engage in some active game.
- Put some music on , something with a constant beat - it doesn't have to be loud.
- If your dog comes to you for reassurance that is fine so long as you remain calm and act as normal.
- if they prefer to go and hide let them do so as long as it is safe.
- Make sure your dog is in a safe and secure environment so that it does not bolt and escape if a sudden noise escapes.