



Getting Firework Ready

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Why Train Early?

Fireworks can be a new and potentially scary experience for puppies. By taking these simple steps, you can help your puppy feel calm and safe, preventing fear from developing.

You can begin to do this with an older dog as well, but if your dog is showing extreme stress, contact a qualified trainer or behaviourist as soon as possible to get advice on this.

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Introduce Fireworks Sounds Early

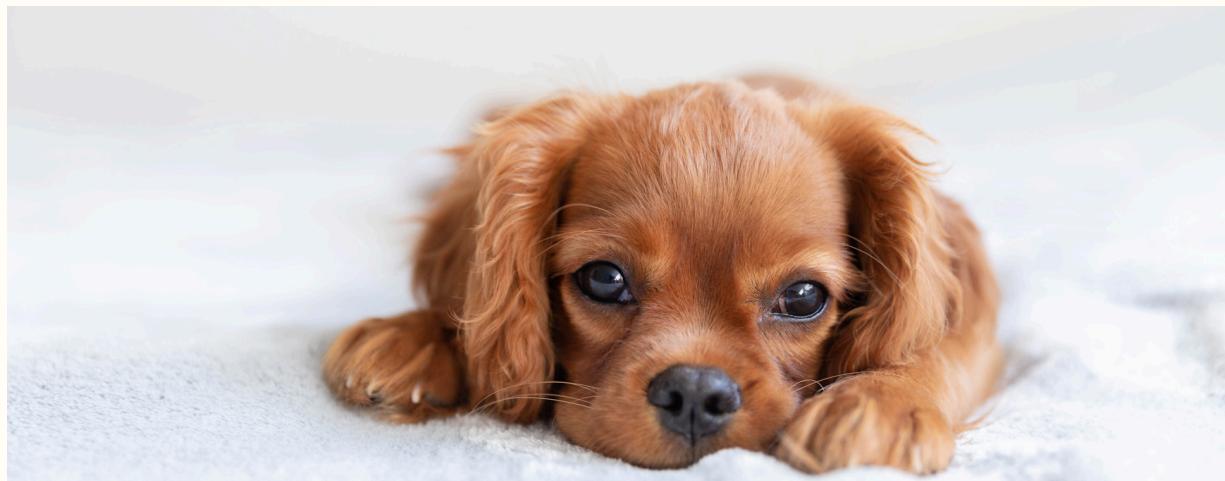
How to introduce firework sounds to your puppy safely:



- Begin playing recordings of fireworks at a low volume while your puppy is engaged in something fun, like playing or eating.
- Gradually increase the volume over several weeks, making sure your puppy remains relaxed and happy.
- Always associate the sounds with positive experiences.

Positive Associations

Building positive associations means linking something that might be scary or unfamiliar, like fireworks, with things your puppy loves, such as treats, toys, or playtime. When your puppy hears or sees fireworks, you immediately provide something positive (like their favorite treat or game). Over time, this helps your puppy connect the sight and sound of fireworks with feelings of happiness and safety rather than fear.



- During fireworks sounds, play with your puppy using their favourite toys or give them tasty treats.
- Make fireworks a signal for “fun time” rather than something to be scared of.



Encourage Calmness with Positive Reinforcement

- Reward your puppy whenever they remain calm around fireworks.
- Keep the mood light and cheerful – avoid comforting them excessively if they seem nervous, as this could reinforce anxiety.

Be a Confident Role Model

- Puppies pick up on your cues, so staying relaxed and acting normal around fireworks is key.
- Practice these steps regularly, building up your puppy's confidence over time.



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