

NEWS



Firework stress affects almost 50% of dogs and many cats also.

This stress manifests itself in many ways – many dogs will run around and vocalise, some even become destructive and may harm themselves. However, sometimes the signs of stress can be much more subtle. This is especially true for cats – they will often ‘withdraw’ and hide, meaning that their stress is not always recognised.

Short-term management helps our pets cope during the firework season. Here are some useful tips to help your pet.

- Provide a den or hiding place – ideally where your pet would normally go.
- Muffle the sound of the fireworks – radio, television, close the curtains.
- Keep your pet inside – close the cat flap and ensure your dog is not able to access the garden
- Do not fuss them, or tell them off, if they are stressed
- Reward quiet, calm behaviour

The most important change that must be made is for **you** to change your behaviour. It is completely natural to want to reassure your pet when it is stressed – however all this does is reinforce the unwanted behaviour and unfortunately makes matters worse. Your pet will also come to rely on you for support that can be problematic if

you are not with your pet every time it hears fireworks.



November is pet diabetes month. Just like people, pets can develop diabetes too (Diabetes mellitus (‘sugar diabetes’)).

Unfortunately, there is growing evidence to suggest that the number of pets with diabetes is set to rise as pets live longer and the number of overweight pets increases. It is estimated that 1 in 200 pets suffer from diabetes. In the practice recently we have seen a growing number of diabetic patients. As with all illnesses the earlier the problem is diagnosed and treated the better.

Symptoms to look out for are:

- Excessive thirst
- Frequent urination
- Lethargy
- Weight loss despite constant hunger.

JOIN THE GREAT “PEE” TEST.

It is a national campaign to help reach all those undiagnosed pets. Untreated diabetics leak sugar into their urine. For the month of November please bring in a sample for us to test free of charge, or collect instructions and a leaflet with a test included for you to do at home.

Tips for collecting the sample: For dogs, try following them first thing in the morning and collect urine in a sterile container. Cats are slightly trickier. The litter that is used in

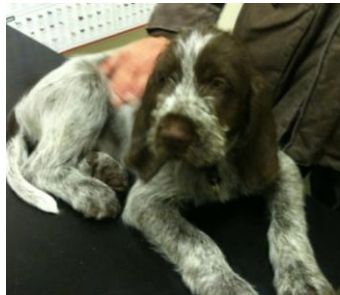
their trays contaminates the sample. The best idea is to collect a small bag of non-absorbent litter from us that is designed to collect urine samples from cats, it also comes with a pipette and container.

NEW ARRIVALS



DUKE
Great Dane

ROCCO
Italian
Spinone



TOMMY AND TUPPENCE
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Lhasa Apso

SHADOW
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