Think about your pets this Fireworks Season!

Many animals find fireworks scary. It doesn't have to be that way though, so don't ignore the problem. There are lots of simple things you can do to help your pet deal with fireworks.

Close windows and curtains to muffle the noise and put on some music or a TV to mask the fireworks sound. You can also create hiding places around your home so they can feel safe.





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Cotton's Corner

Guy Fawkes time again ... I'm a pretty sassy lady and nothing much scares me but I must admit that those loud bangs really do terrify me. I am lucky here to be inside, warm and safe with my stereo turned up extra loud to drown out the scary noises ... Please look after your pets this fireworks season! ...Cotton







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MIX-FEEDING

Feeding pets a mix of wet and dry food



Many pet owners feed their cats and dogs a mix of wet and dry food. Even though biscuits should meet the full dietary requirements of your animal (along with dental benefits), we all have fussy eaters and it is nice to be able to offer a little variety.

General rule of thumb if you want to feed a mix-feed diet is a **two third dry food** and **one third wet food mix**.







Dermatology Petfood

There are many types of environmental irritants that surround our pets every day including fleas, pollen and even the dust in our homes. For some pets these irritants can cause a skin condition that may lead to scratching, sometimes excessively. This can be very unpleasant for your pet. The good news is most pets with these skin conditions can benefit simply from the right food.

Consult your Vet – If your pet is itchy then book a consult with one of our small animal vets to talk about the issue and solutions.

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Interesting Case

Skin Cancers and Sun Protection for Our Pets



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Animals, like people, can get sunburnt and suffer from UV induced skin cancers.

- The sites commonly affected are those with minimal hair coverage including ears, nose, eyelids and groins of those pets that love to lie on their backs in the sun.
- Animals with white fur on these areas are especially at risk. Squamous cell carcinomas are especially common on the noses and ears of cats. These will initially look like scratches that won't heal.
- If treated early enough, the team at the Veterinary Centre are able to perform a non-invasive, cryosurgery to remove them before they become advanced and require surgery. Attacking them early is the key!

Pet specific sunblock is available for pets who are at risk. These are made to be safe if your pet happens to lick it. Please make sure that any outdoor pets are provided with shelter and shade. If you have any concerns about any changes in your pet's skin, especially if small wounds seem to heal and then come back, then don't hesitate to come and see one of our friendly vets at the Veterinary Centre or pop into the shop for some sunblock today.



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*Early squamous cell carcinomas on a cat's nose and ear

