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## Pet Safety and the Fourth of July

Where is your dog this Fourth of July? Marion County Dog Control wants to remind dog owners to take care that your dogs are secure as we approach the Fourth of July holiday.

Fireworks are startling to dogs with their extra sensory hearing. We are likely to hear fireworks this weekend, so please be prepared. Kennel your pets. Talk to your vet about sedating them. Dogs will chew through fences when frightened, so the normal backyard enclosure may not be safe enough this holiday period. If you have any questions or concerns call your vet for other ideas on how to keep your pet happy and stress free during this holiday.

Marion County Dog Shelter will be closed on Saturday, July 4, for the holiday. If your dog is missing this weekend, please plan to visit the shelter on Monday, July 6, to determine if your dog has been brought to us. Only you can identify your dog.

The dog shelter is located at 3550 Aumsville Hwy SE in Salem and is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Have fun, enjoy the holiday, and please make plans for your four-legged family member's safety. If you have any questions, please call 503-566-6966.

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