New Year's Eve Safety Tips for Your Pets!

Keep your pet indoors
- New Year's Eve and the days following are some of the busiest times at OC Animal Care. Pets escape from their homes because they’re afraid of loud noises from fireworks. The best way to keep your pets safe is to keep them indoors and in their own room if possible.
- If you allow your pet outside to go to the bathroom, make sure your yard is secure or your pet stays on a leash. Noises from fireworks can be intimidating and cause a scared dog to find the smallest opening in a fence and escape.
- Even if your pet doesn't seem upset by fireworks, they can still cause harm to pets if burned or if they accidentally ingest them.

Create a safe and calm environment
- If you’re having guests over or throwing a party, create a “safe” place for your pet to go if they feel overwhelmed such as a room that is off-limits or a familiar crate with their favorite toys or blanket. Play calming music and keep the room as quiet as possible by closing doors, windows and blinds.
- While celebrating, it’s easy to forget that loud noises and celebratory poppers or noisemakers can scare your furry friends.

Keep toxic foods, drinks and decorations out of reach
- Alcoholic beverages are very toxic to pets. Some people won’t know this and may leave a cup in a place where your pet can get to it. Many rich foods are not good for your pet and can be toxic, such as chocolate. Inform guests to keep beverages and food out of reach and to not share them with your pet.
- Beware of New Year’s decorations. Your pet may see these as treats and ingest the party favor, resulting in a trip to the vet.

Make sure your pet’s identification information is up-to-date
- Make sure your pet is microchipped with your updated contact information and wearing a collar with a current license and/or ID tag if they get lost.
- If your pet escapes or gets lost go to the nearest animal shelter. You can also visit www.petadoption.ocpetinfo.com/LostFound/ for OC Animal Care’s Lost and Found page.