

# FIREWORK SAFETY

THIS INDEPENDENCE DAY, PLEASE BE COURTEOUS WHEN SETTING OFF FIREWORKS, WHICH MAY BE UPSETTING FOR DOGS AND MILITARY VETERANS

## FOR VETERANS:

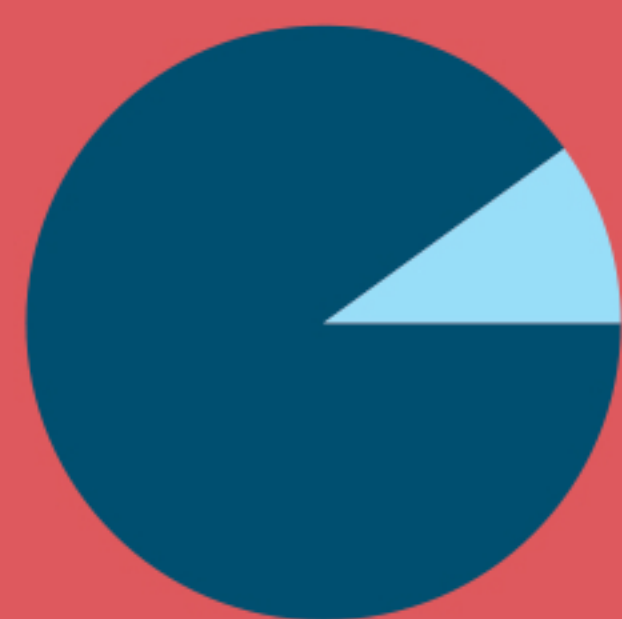
PERCENTAGES OF VETERANS THAT RETURN WITH **PTSD**

IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN



11-20%

GULF WAR (DESERT STORM)



10%

VIETNAM



30%

### LENGTH OF DEPLOYMENT

12-15 months\*

210 days\*\*

12 months

\* Includes multiple deployments

\*\* Operation Desert Storm lasted 210 days

**LOUD, UNEXPECTED NOISES**, such as fireworks can remind combat veterans with **PTSD** of **GUNFIRE OR EXPLOSIONS** they had experienced on the battlefield.

Consider your neighbors by not setting them off late at night or close to their homes, or better yet, go to an organized event!

## FOR DOGS:

**1 IN 5** DOGS GO MISSING AFTER BEING **SCARED** BY FIREWORKS



More dogs go **MISSING** on the 4th of July than any other day of the year because the loud noises can scare even the **BRAVEST** dog.

## KEEP YOUR BEST FRIEND AT EASE:

- EXERCISE DURING THE DAY.** Ensure your dog gets plenty of exercise during the day to tire them out
- STAY HOME.** Don't bring them to events where fireworks will be set off
- MAKE THEM FEEL SAFE.** Provide a safe place at home with music or the TV playing
- DISTRACTION.** Entertain them with their favorite toys and treats
- ACT NORMAL.** Don't acknowledge the fireworks, as your dog may be looking to you on how to react
- NAME TAGS.** Make sure your dog is wearing their collar with ID tags (better yet, microchipped!)

Source: www.aspc.org


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