

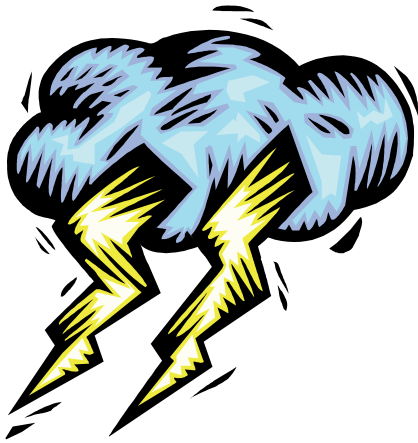


Dogs and loud noises

Crash, Bang, Boom

Some dogs get very scared when there are loud noises such as thunder or fireworks.

This is very normal because your dog can't tell where the noise is coming from.



Here are some signs you might see if your dog is very frightened:

- lots of dribble coming from their mouth
- they might curl themselves into a ball and try and hide in a corner or under your bed
- they might start making sad, crying noises
- they could start trembling
- or, they might try and cuddle up close to you or other people in your family.

If they get really scared, your dog might try and jump out a window, or get out through the fence or the door.

Sometimes when they are trying to run away or hide they can accidentally hurt themselves, especially their paws and their mouth.

If your dog does get out they could get knocked by a car or become lost.

There are some things you can do if there are going to be loud noises nearby

- You can make your dog a nice and comfortable space where he or she feels safe and happy.
- You can turn on the radio or television so your dog can't hear the noises outside.
- Don't treat them like a baby if they start being scared, instead keep doing all the things you would normally do with them - if you can, try to take no notice of the noises outside.
- Make sure all doors and windows are closed or secure, and that there are no holes in the fence. That way your dog can't get out.

Remember your dog is your best friend so let your dog stay near you so they can feel safe.