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NEW YEARS EVE TIPS FOR PET SAFETY FROM DOGGIE RESCUE

New Years Eve is a night of fun and celebration but, thanks to the amazing fireworks displays all over Sydney, it is also a very scary time for our pets.

Far too many pets go missing on New Years Eve, ending up at animal shelters and pounds, after running away from home from fear of the loud noises. With many people away from home and enjoying the night out with friends and family, most pets are left home alone with no one to calm their nerves from the scary crackers..

Here are some tips from **Monika Biernacki from Doggie Rescue** on how to minimise the impact on your family pets:

- Keep pets indoors wherever possible- this is the easiest way to ensure your pet is safe. Make sure they have plenty of food and fresh water, and a litter tray for cats or an indoor toilet for dogs. Leave some music playing so that loud noises are muffled.
- Make sure your dog or cat is wearing a collar with your contact information clearly legible, and that they are microchipped with all address and contact details up to date.
- Go for a long walk before you leave home for the night. This will help tire them out so they have less nervous energy.
- If your dog must be kept outside, ensure they are as secure as possible within the area with proper fencing. Remember, a scared dog can jump higher than normal. Ensure they have a kennel they can retreat to and that the area is free from anything they could hurt themselves with.
- Leave your dog a yummy bone or treat, plenty of toys and make sure they have a blanket or clothing with your scent as this will provide calming reinforcement.

Take time to create a plan for your pet this New Years Eve to ensure they don't end up at a shelter like Doggie Rescue. 'Doggiewood' at Ingleside is already full of gorgeous boys and girls looking for their forever home in 2013, don't let yours be added to the mix!

**Photo and interview opportunities available with Monika Biernacki
and the Doggie Rescue doggies.**

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