



Media Release

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Keep your pets safe during fireworks and thunderstorms

Learn about your pet's phobias at Camden Council's first Fireworks and Thunderstorm Pet Information Night.

The FREE event will be held on **Tuesday 29 October, 6-9pm, at Council's Administration Building, 70 Central Avenue, Oran Park.**

Macarthur Veterinary Group's Practice Principal, Kirsty Ferguson, will be there to teach residents:

- About noise phobias being a medical condition, not a training or obedience problem;
- What the physical signs of noise phobias are;
- What the behavioural signs of noise phobias are;
- How to recognise the early signs of stress;
- How to protect against further development of this stress through behaviour modification;
- How an individualised treatment plan can help; and
- Ways to deal with noises at home.

Attendees will have the chance to win a \$250 Jetpets travel voucher, for interstate pet travel. It will be given out as a luck door prizes on the night. All attendees will also receive a FREE personalised pet tag.

Mayor of Camden, Cr Theresa Fedeli, said the information night was part of Council's award-winning Pet Awareness and Safety (PAWS) program.

"One of the program's main goals is to decrease the amount of companion animals entering our animal care facility," Cr Fedeli said.

"Many pets are so frightened by loud noises they will actually escape from their homes in an effort to 'run away' from those noises. These are the pets our rangers will pick up and take to our animal care facility if their owner can't be located.

"The education this information night will provide is invaluable because being able to successfully manage these phobias will help stop pets from escaping in the first place.

"For many of our residents, pets are important members of their family. We want to help keep all our residents, including the ones with four legs, safe and happy."

For more information, and to secure your seat, visit camden.nsw.gov.au and search 'Fireworks and Thunderstorm Pet Information Night' or call Council's Environment and Regulatory Services team on 4654 7777.

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