

Holidays

Over the holidays, please be careful when taking your dog to family get togethers. Even a dog who has never shown any problems around other dogs, kids or food can become very stressed on the holidays with all the commotion and combinations of these factors, and *any* stressed dog may show aggression! Have your dog set up in another room with a familiar bed, chew toy and/or bone while the feast is going on.

During any New Years loud parties or fireworks, try to sit with your dog and comfort them. Lavender calming spray can help, but start using it early around bedding and familiar spots during non-stressful times so the scent is associated with positive times. If you can't have anyone with your dog during New Years, make sure they are secure indoors. Many dogs who have never even tried to leave a house or yard are spooked so much by loud holiday festivities that they jump extremely high fences or squeeze through impossibly small holes in gates.