



# Edgewood Veterinary Tips

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## Dogs And Thunder

Some dogs panic in a thunderstorm. Though the cause of this terror is unknown, there are a few theories. Some blame the barometric pressure change combined with noise and wind. Whatever the reason, storm panic is real and can be hard to treat. Make sure your pet has access to a safe quiet location where he/she can hide during a storm. If your pet is a runner, make sure to confine him/her prior to the storm if possible. Try playing soothing music and leaving a crate open as a safe place. Whatever happens, never scold your pet for being afraid. Talk with the vet about the possibility of using anti-anxiety medication during a storm. Dog appeasing pheromones used as a collar or diffusion can alleviate some of the anxiety.

This week's column on dogs and thunderstorms is brought to you by our entire staff. We hope you found it informative and helpful. Protecting animals is a serious business. Located at **1055 Grass Valley Hwy.**, we'd be happy to discuss any animal concerns you have. We are your local source for all things concerning the health of your pet. Questions? Call **530-885-1919** today. Consider joining our family.

P.S. Drugs for anxiety or sedation will not work by themselves without behavior modification.

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