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# Keep Your Dog Safe! More dogs are lost on the 4th of July than any day of the year!

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[***Bangor***]— **According to the American Humane Association:**

- 10 million pets get lost every year. This is more than the population of New York City.
- Of the dogs entering shelters, approximately 35% are adopted, 31% are euthanized and 26% are returned to their owner.
- Without proper ID or microchipping, 90% of lost pets never return home.
- A third of pets will get lost in their lifetime.
- An estimated 2 million pets are stolen each year.

**To prevent your dog from becoming lost on the 4th of July:**

- Keep your dog on leash unless they are inside or in a fenced yard.
- If you have guests in your home, make sure everyone is careful so as not to accidentally let the dog out.
- Do NOT take your dog to the fireworks. They are not going to enjoy the experience and may become frightened and run off.
- If you choose to use fireworks at your home or camp, or if you have neighbors that do so, make sure that your dog is inside, preferably in a room where they will not hear or see the fireworks.

**To give your pet the best chance of being returned to you:**

- Please make sure that your dog is either microchipped or wearing a collar with a current, readable and legible ID tag.
- If your dog is microchipped, make sure that the chip registry has your current contact information.
- Keep a current photo of your pet that you can use on a "Lost Pet" poster if your pet goes missing. Make sure it's a good photo that clearly shows any identifying characteristics of your dog.
- Maintain a list of phone numbers for your local animal control organization, police department, animal shelter(s), and pet related businesses so that you can notify them if your pet is lost and ask them to put up the "Lost Pet" poster that you create.

- If your dog is microchipped, contact the chip registry if they go missing. Many registries will help disseminate information about your missing dog on social media to aid in recovery.
- If you live in Maine, contact Maine Lost Dog Recovery via their FaceBook page (https://www.facebook.com/MaineLostDogRecovery) as they can be very helpful in assisting you in getting the word out about your lost dog.
- If you are traveling with your pet, provide your pet with a temporary ID tag that provides local contact information for wherever you are staying.

In business since 1965, Green Acres Kennel Shop at 1653 Union Street is a Pet Care Services Association (PCSA) accredited facility offering boarding, daycare and grooming for dogs and cats, as well as pet behavior consultations and training classes. Voted Best Kennel every year since 2002, Best Pet Store every year since 2007, Best Dog Trainer every year since 2011, and Best Pet Groomer every year since 2013, the Green Acres retail store offers a wide variety of wholesome pet foods, treats and quality supplies. For more information, please call 945-6841 or visit www.greenacreskennel.com.