



Have a Super Pet-Safe Super Bowl!

The throw! The catch! Touchdown! And the crowd goes WILD!...

Come Super Bowl Sunday, will that be the scene at your house? Super Bowl parties can be lots of fun for human sports fans, but for four-footed members of the household, all that noise and team spirit can seem a little scary.

Here are a few simple tips that can help make the day comfortable and more enjoyable for your pet.

- “Bench” furry friends. Consider isolating your pet(s) in a room or “safe zone” of your house. Mark the area with signs so that wandering guests don’t accidentally open the door and let pets out.
- If you do put pets in another room, don’t forget to check on them periodically so that they know you’re still close by. Drop by with some treats, reward calm behavior, and leave them with safe toys or food puzzles for entertainment.
- If you can’t safely isolate your pet in your house or your apartment and you’re really worried, ask a pet-friendly neighbor if you can temporarily house your pet in a quiet room at their house, or even consider boarding your pet.

Keep Pets on “The Home Team”

Constantly opening and closing doors to admit guests is a risk. A stressed pet could easily bolt through an open door. Make doubly sure your pet is wearing his or her collar and all applicable forms of ID during your Super Bowl party!



- If the weather is nice, an outdoor kennel run is a good option.
- If your pets are allowed to “play the field” and mingle, don’t allow your guests to give them food treats. Be aware that alcohol, chocolate, grapes, raisins, and some types of nuts are among the foods that can be toxic to pets, and many human treats will make pets sick if they eat too much.

Fins and Feathers

If you have any non-furry pets in your household, don’t forget to take steps to safeguard them as well. Depending on how rowdy your party is likely to get, it might be a good idea to tape the tops of any fish tanks closed. Keep birds from accidentally flying the coop by wiring cage doors shut.

