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ABOUT CANINE UK

Canine UK starts with audit before assumptions. We look at the individual dog, their health, behaviour, environment and everyday life, alongside the needs and capabilities of their owner. Our approach puts safety, welfare, practical progress and owner understanding first.

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Plan for comfort and safety before a noisy event. The aim is not to make a frightened dog remain still.

Record the specific event

Note the type of noise, approximate distance, time, duration and any flashes or vibration. Describe what happened before, during and after without recreating the event.

Prepare the household

Identify a comfortable refuge the dog already chooses. Check doors, garden access and identification. Plan walks and toileting for quieter times and agree who will stay with the dog.

Support during the event

Reduce noise and flashes where practical while keeping safe temperature and ventilation. Allow the dog to choose a hiding place. Offer quiet company or gentle activity only if wanted.

Keep training separate

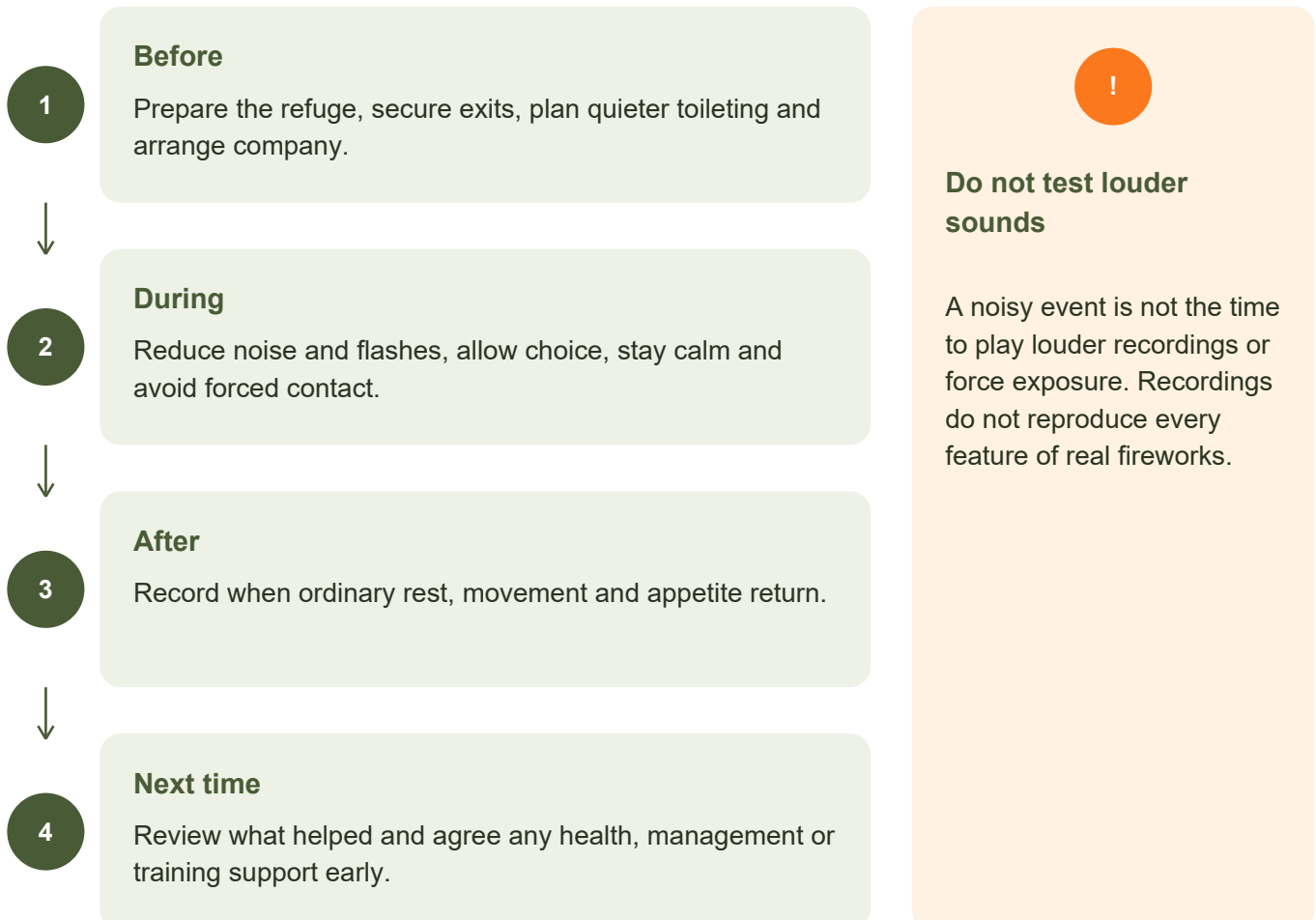
Carefully controlled sound work belongs on a calm occasion and may need professional guidance. Start below the level that causes concern and stop or reduce if fear appears.

Speak to the vet before a major event

Sudden noise sensitivity can have a health component. Ask about relevant health concerns and appropriate support when fear first appears. Never use human medication or another animal's prescription. Injury, severe distress or medical concern needs veterinary help.

Before, during, after and next time

Management on the night and planned training are different jobs.



Safety can override the plan

Do not take a worried dog to a display. Keep toileting secure and brief when noise is likely. Contact the vet if distress becomes severe.

My noise event and recovery sheet

Record a naturally occurring event. Do not deliberately expose the dog to fear in order to complete the worksheet.

Date and event: Noise type, timing, duration, setting and flashes or vibration?

Before: What was the dog doing before the noise began?

During: Observable movement, posture, hiding, pacing or escape attempts?

Recovery: When did ordinary rest, movement and appetite return?

Household plan: Refuge, doors, garden, walks, toileting and person staying?

Vet or professional support: Advice given, date and who is responsible?

Review: What helped, what did not, and what changes before the next event?

Need help with your own dog?

This resource is a starting point, not a substitute for an individual assessment.

A Canine UK audit helps us understand your dog, your concerns and your circumstances before recommending an appropriate pathway.

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