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Level 4

Italian town to use silent fireworks for stressed dogs

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1607/160708-fireworks-4.html>

An Italian town has passed a law requiring fireworks to be silent. It is to ensure the wellbeing of pets. The town felt the welfare of pets was more important than the sound of fireworks. Dogs have sensitive hearing and fireworks cause them to develop something called 'acoustic stress'. Smoke from fireworks can also cause health problems for animals. Vets often report cases of nausea, tremors and anxiety in animals after a fireworks show.

Awareness of the problems caused by fireworks is growing. Germany banned fireworks near refugee shelters to reduce the trauma among refugees. Fireworks cause similar problems for war veterans. The explosions can trigger post-traumatic stress disorder. Not everyone agrees with the idea of silent fireworks. One Italian said: "You need the...thunder. It's an essential part of the fun." He said pet owners should keep all windows closed.

Sources: <http://www.care2.com/greenliving/silent-fireworks-could-prove-helpful-for-animals-veterans-with-ptsd.html>
<http://www.khou.com/news/silent-fireworks-offer-a-quiet-alternative/263955421>
<http://dogtime.com/trending/33475-town-italy-switches-silent-fireworks-reduce-anxiety-animal>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. passed a | a. of pets |
| 2. ensure the | b. animals |
| 3. the welfare | c. wellbeing of pets |
| 4. Dogs have sensitive | d. show |
| 5. develop something called | e. law |
| 6. Vets often report cases | f. 'acoustic stress' |
| 7. anxiety in | g. of nausea |
| 8. after a fireworks | h. hearing |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--|--------------------|
| 1. refugee | a. agrees |
| 2. reduce the trauma | b. veterans |
| 3. cause similar problems for war | c. owners |
| 4. explosions can trigger post-traumatic | d. among refugees |
| 5. Not everyone | e. closed |
| 6. an essential part of the fun | f. shelters |
| 7. pet | g. of the fun |
| 8. keep all windows | h. stress disorder |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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An Italian town has passed (1) _____ fireworks to be silent. It is to ensure (2) _____ pets. The town felt the welfare of pets was more important (3) _____ of fireworks.

Dogs have sensitive hearing and fireworks cause (4) _____ something called 'acoustic stress'. Smoke from fireworks can also cause (5) _____ for animals. Vets often report cases of nausea, tremors (6) _____ animals after a fireworks show.

Awareness of the (7) _____ fireworks is growing. Germany banned fireworks near refugee (8) _____ the trauma among refugees. Fireworks cause similar problems (9) _____.

The explosions can trigger post-traumatic (10) _____. Not everyone agrees (11) _____ silent fireworks. One Italian said: "You need the...thunder. It's an (12) _____ the fun."

He said pet owners should keep all windows closed.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FIREWORKS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about fireworks in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

