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To: The Florida Legislature
From: The Animal Rights Foundation of Florida
Re.: Fireworks Regulation

On behalf of our 4000 members, the Animal Rights Foundation of Florida asks that you take very seriously the terror, chaos and damage that fireworks causes our animal population. After a celebration with fireworks, animal shelters are almost always inundated with companion animals who have "bolted" from their homes or guardians out of fear. Many of these animals are never found and many are killed or injured as they mix with traffic in their traumatized state. Wild animals often suffer a similar fate. Animals simply do not understand the concept of a friendly explosion.

Add to that the pollution, the risk of fire and the noise, which can harm both human and non-human animals, and it becomes clear that unregulated fireworks is a luxury that does not belong in a 21st century urban area.

ARFF urges you to ban the sale of fireworks in Florida.

Sincerely,
Heather Veleanu
Managing Director