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# Yorkie Gypsy

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## Scary Fireworks

**Summertime, "H" season and the fourth of July. Dogs' sight, sound and scent are far more amplified than we can imagine.**

**They pick up higher and lower frequencies, with the volume way up; factor in changes in atmospheric pressure and winds. Thunder in the distance can seem like a jumbo jet flying overhead, to them. Dogs sense impending threats and do not know how to protect their people. Make sure they have a snug collar with ID on, and if they want to hide in a closet or under the bed, let them. We put lavender essential oil in the diffuser, a dab on a tight shirt on our firework-sensitive dogs, and give them melatonin that afternoon, and every four hours. Consult your vet.**

***Dogs are God's way of  
proving he didn't want  
us to walk alone.***



## Rex Update

Back in May we told you about a sweet little yorkie fella in need of a home. Turns out he was EXACTLY where he was supposed to be. Happy to report a foster care failure. Rex will stay with his foster family and BFF, Trooper (terrier mix).



## Paw-li-days

**July 1 – ID Your Pet Day**

**July 11**

**All American Pet Photo Day**

**July 15**

**National Pet Fire Safety Day**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 25  
Stephanie  
Crossley

See **YOU**

July 16  
Yorkie Specialty  
@ WPB  
Fairgrounds

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# Are You Ready?

by: Tina Valant

We are a month into (I refuse to say the word) "H" season. South Florida has been more than LUCKY the past few years.

Evacuating is an extremely PERSONAL decision, one that everyone must make for themselves. When someone shares their decision to stay or go, RESPECT it and offer your thoughts, best wishes, prayers, and support. Stay calm, be vigilant, kind, and helpful.

Pet owners/guardians - prepare now:

- Buy extra nonperishables, now.
- Have cash on hand, small bills.
- Have pets' current records, medicine with a recent photo in a plastic bag.
- Ask neighbors, friends and family members to do the same, for their pets.
- Research/locate pet-friendly accommodations in/out of the area.
- All hotels do NOT accept pets during a disaster.
- Identify friends/relatives outside your area where you/your pets may harbor.
- Evacuate early with pets, if that is your plan. DO NOT wait for a mandatory evacuation order.
- Animals should have microchips, snug collar with identification tag with your last name and multiple phone numbers.
- Have the pet crated/secured. Pack food, water, meds, blanket.



Natural disasters can bring out the worst, but they also offer a multitude of opportunities to BE OUR BEST. Consider the first responders, volunteers, friends and neighbors opening their wallets, homes and hearts to strangers and those who assist/shelter abandoned/stray /injured animals.

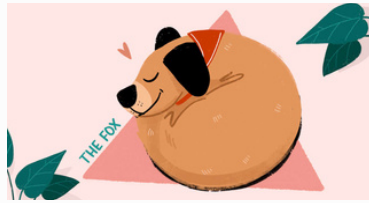


**Why do yorkies  
make terrible  
dancers?**

**They have two  
left feet!**







# Dog Sleep Positions & Meanings

*compiled by: Patricia Caruso*

*Were you ever busy doing something and then glance over to see your fur baby sleeping in an unusual position? I often wonder, what is she dreaming of? Chasing a squirrel, begging for a treat, or my favorite...dreaming of me? In addition to looking absolutely adorable the sleep position can reveal keys to dogs' overall health along with personality traits.*

## Side Sleeper

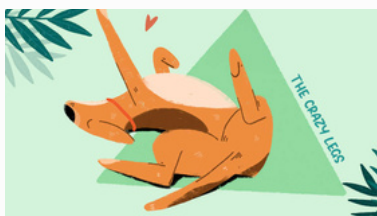
If your pup sleeps on her/his side, means they are incredibly comfortable with their surroundings are secure with themselves and are generally easy-going, happy go luckily and fiercely loyal.

## Snuggly Fox

The curled-up position is probably the most common. Their paws will be comfortable tucked away under their bodies, and their tails will wrap all the way around to touch their face. Your dog is conserving body heat and protecting his/her limbs, face, throat, and vital organs. Dogs who sleep in this position are gentle, easygoing, and have a naturally sweet disposition.

## Superman Pup

Many dogs sleep on their stomach, but the super pups are probably the most adorable. With all of their four limbs stretched out and heads level on the ground, they look like they are flying through the air. Pups who sleep in this position are super high energy and very easily motivated.



## Crazy Legs

Even though this position looks slightly odd, it's nothing to be concerned about. This just means that they're very confident and secure with themselves, and with their home environment. That makes sense especially since sleeping on their backs translates into being the most vulnerable position for animals. Dogs who assume this sleeping position usually tend to be very laid-back with an independent streak.

## Tummy Curl

Dogs that sleep in this position may not be relaxed, since the muscles are still too tense to enable them to drift into REM sleep. This doesn't mean that your pup isn't relaxed in real life. They may even be the more energetic, adventurous ones in the pack, ready for action and fun at all times! Pooches who curl up on their tummies while they sleep tend to be very gentle, but slightly timid and shy.

## Passed Out

Many dogs who sleep indoors opt for the passed-out position. A dog will lie on its back in order to help cool down as quickly. Most of the time, dogs who have expended lots of energy during the day, or who are overheated, will sleep flat on their backs. In addition, really happy, secure, and relaxed dogs will tilt their legs in the air during their sleep. Dogs who sleep in this position are highly confident.