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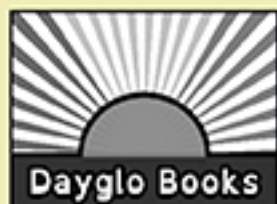
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## CASSIE, THE STORY OF A RESCUE DOG THE NEXT 3 YEARS

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Since I've lived with my mum I've learned to cope with all kinds of new situations – things I'd never even have dreamed of in the old days, back on the farm. But one thing I haven't managed to overcome is my terror of fireworks. I don't think I ever will.

My mum understands. She doesn't want me to be frightened and unhappy, so now, when the days get cooler and the clocks go back, it's time to pack my basket and my vet inoculation record card, and head off for a few days to my retreat in the country.

It's a wonderful place where they specialise in taking care of dogs that can't deal with the trauma of bonfire night.

It's miles out in the back of beyond, a solid, brick building with soundproof double-glazing, so there's no firework noise at all.

I can't tell you what a relief it is to be able to relax and be sure I won't hear anything that hurts my ears.

Of course, at home there are the odd, stray crashes and bangs for two or three weeks before November 5th and two or three weeks afterwards, but at least over the dreaded weekend itself, I'm safe.

It seems odd, in a way, to go and leave my mum like that. It's like a little holiday in a dogs' hotel.