

Keep Your Pets Safe this Halloween



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Follow these safety tips to make sure your pet has a spooktacular Halloween!

No Tricks, No Treats

- Chocolate in all forms - especially dark or baking chocolate - are very dangerous for dogs and cats. Call us immediately if you suspect your pet of ingesting chocolate.
- Other candies, such as gum, chewy candies, hard balls, etc. can be choking hazards or cause gastrointestinal upset.
- Candy and gum containing the artificial sweetener Xylitol are toxic to pets and can lead to hypoglycemia (low blood sugar) and liver failure.

Decorations

- Be cautious when using candles. Pets can easily knock over a lit pumpkin and cause a fire. Curious kittens especially run the risk of being burned or singed by candle flames.
- Keep wires and cords from electric lights and decorations out of reach to avoid electrical shock. Puppies especially love to chew cords.

Know the Signs of Illness

If your pet develops any of these symptoms, contact us immediately:

- Loss of appetite
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Lethargy
- Foaming at the mouth
- Sudden listlessness

Keep your Pets Indoors

- Keep your pets in a safe place when opening the door for trick-or-treaters. They can easily dart out the door in the midst of all the excitement.
- Make sure all pets are micro-chipped and wearing up to date ID tags.



Pet Costumes

- Please don't put your pet in a costume unless you know he or she loves it (we know there are pets who do!). Wearing a costume may cause undue stress.
- Make sure the costume isn't annoying or unsafe. It should not constrict your pet's movement, sight, or hearing and should not impede their ability to breathe, bark, or meow.
- Ill-fitting costumes can get twisted on external objects leading to injury. Small, dangling, or easily chewed-off pieces are potential choking hazards.

A Special Note about Cats

- Sadly, cats are at a high risk of being pet-napped or harmed during Halloween season. Black cats especially are more at risk of being the target of cruelty during the holiday. If you have a cat that goes outdoors please do your best to keep them inside around Halloween.

We're Here When You Need Us.