

VBSPCA

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS FOR PETS

Hide The Sweets

Halloween candy is a treat for humans, not pets. Chocolate and xylitol (found in sugar-free candy and gum) are toxic, and even a small amount can make your pet very sick. Raisins can cause kidney failure. Keep all treats safely out of reach and remind children not to share candy with pets.

Make Sure Your Pet Can Be Identified

With doors opening and closing all evening, pets can slip out in a flash. Double-check that your pet's collar and ID tag are secure, and that their microchip information is up to date.

Decorate With Care

Keep candles, jack-o-lanterns, cords, and other decorations well out of paw's reach. Curious noses and wagging tails can easily knock things over, leading to burns or injuries.

Keep Costumes Safe And Simple

If you plan to dress up your pet, choose a costume that fits comfortably, doesn't restrict vision or movement, and has no small parts that can be chewed off. Let your pet try it on ahead of time, and always supervise them while in costume.

Watch Out For Tempting Trinkets

Glow sticks, costume pieces, batteries, and small decorations can look like toys but can cause choking or stomach issues if chewed or swallowed. Keep these items tucked safely away.

Create A Calm Space

If your pet is shy or easily startled by visitors, set them up in a quiet room with their bed, toys, and soft music during trick-or-treating hours. This helps prevent stress—and escapes out the door.

Keep Them Indoors

Even confident pets can become frightened by costumes and noise. Keeping them safely inside helps prevent accidents and ensures everyone enjoys a worry-free Halloween.

Costumes, flashing lights, spooky sounds, and a steady stream of trick-or-treaters can make Halloween fun for people but stressful for pets. A few simple precautions can help keep your furry friends safe and comfortable through the festivities.



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