







# Halloween Safety for Pets


 Be sure to approach your pets with caution if you or other family members are wearing costumes. Your pet may not recognize you right away and may become frightened by your appearance.

 Make sure your pets are wearing identification at all times. Doors are opening and closing constantly for trick-or-treaters and partygoers so pets may slip outside undetected.

 Pets should be kept in a quiet, safe place on Halloween. They may become frightened by the presence of strangers, particularly because of scary costumes. Pets stressed by the unusual activity of the holiday can bite out of fear or even become physically ill. Pets should not be taken trick-or-treating. Black cats are particularly vulnerable to tricks and abuse on this holiday and should be kept inside.

 Keep candy and holiday decorations out of your pet's reach. Chocolate, tinfoil, cellophane, candy wrappers and decorations all pose hazards to your pet. Make sure they cannot chew or grab decorations that pose a choking or poison hazard.

 Keep candles and lighted decorations out of your pet's reach. Pets can become burned by exposed flames or knock over candles.

 If you decide to dress your pet in a costume, make sure it is not annoying or unsafe. Make sure it does not restrict movement, vision, hearing or their ability to breathe and bark. Be sure there are no small parts they could chew off and possibly choke on. Pets in costumes should be supervised at all times.



Flash, former shelter resident, loves his pirate costume. Make sure your pet is comfortable, safe, and supervised in their costume.