



## HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS FOR PET OWNERS



### Stash the Treats

Kids love to stash candy away in their rooms, but a dog's keen sense of smell will lead him to even the most hidden treasure. Contact your vet right away in case your pet does get into the candy, especially if it contains chocolate or is sugar-free and contains xylitol.

### Have Pets Properly Identified and Visible

There are a lot of extra people on the streets during Halloween. That, along with strange costumes, can spook pets and cause them to bolt. If you take your pet out after dark, make sure he or she wears a reflective collar with ID and is securely leashed.

### Keep Glow Sticks Away from Pets

Pets find glow sticks to be a lot of fun, and often puncture them. While most sticks are labeled non-toxic, they do have an extremely bitter taste and may cause drooling and racing around the house. A little treat or sip of milk will usually stop the taste reaction.

### Keep Plants like Pumpkins and Corn Out of Reach

While small amounts of corn and pumpkin can be fed safely to many pets, ingesting uncooked, potentially moldy Halloween pumpkins or corn displays can cause big problems.

### Keep Lit Candles and Jack-O-Lanterns Out of Reach

Keep kids away from dangerous decorations, lighting and wires. Stay away from rubber eyeballs, glow sticks, fake blood, fake cobwebs, potpourri, and strung lights.

### Check Pet Costumes

If you are planning on dressing up your pet, make sure the costume fits well and isn't going to slip or tangle the pet or cause a choking hazard if chewed on. And never leave a costumed pet unattended.

### Keep Pets Confined and Away from the Door

Even pets who are kept inside may experience anxiety over the large number of strangely dressed visitors. Keeping them away from the excitement in a quiet room may be helpful to them. If possible, do not leave pets outside in the yard during Halloween.