

## **Halloween Safety**

Halloween is a fun holiday for humans, but there are some things you should do to make sure it doesn't get scary for pets. Below are tips to help keep your pet safe.

- Protect your pets on Halloween by keeping them indoors. A pet that's out at night with trick-or-treaters might get spooked by noises and costumes, which could cause him to run away.
- Cats should be kept indoors at all times, and if you have a solid black or solid white cat, you should be especially careful about keeping it indoors on Halloween. Some people are superstitious about cats and may try to scare or harm them.
- Keep pets confined and away from the door while you're greeting trick-or-treaters to prevent them from darting outdoors.
- Your cat may feel that his territory is being invaded by the constant onslaught of visitors. Keep your cat in a secluded area of the house to help him stay calm and prevent him from becoming upset.
- Keep Halloween candy out of your pet's reach because it can make your pet sick. In fact, chocolate and
  raisins can be fatal to dogs. Instead, celebrate Halloween with goodies made especially for pets, like
  dog biscuits or cat treats.

We all love dressing up our four-legged friend for the holiday! Here are some Halloween costume safety tips:

- Don't restrict your pet's ability to walk and sit down comfortably.
- Don't make your pet wear a mask that covers her eyes, ears, or nose.
- Don't put your pet in a costume that makes it difficult to breathe. This is especially important for flatnosed dogs.
- Always supervise your pet while in costume so she doesn't chew or eat any costume parts.