

PET COSTUMES

Discomfort in Disguise⁹



7. Consider using only a festive handkerchief or new collar to gussy up your pet. Most are happiest in their birthday suits.

8. Ditch the masks. Don't use a costume that covers your pet's eyes or ears.

9. Remove any costume parts that your pet(s) might be tempted to choke on, chew or ingest.

10. Immediately take off your pet's costume if you notice any unhappiness or distress from your pet.

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HALLOWEEN PET SAFETY

10 Tips for Protecting Your Creatures of the Night

Every year, over 150 million Americans participate in Halloween festivities.¹ Revelers enjoy dressing up, decorating, eating candy and celebrating the changing of the seasons.

Halloween also offers substantial challenges to pet owners. Strange noises, sights, and smells can make Halloween a stressful night for your pet. However, with a small amount of planning, you can make this Halloween a fun night for both you and your pet!



1. ID YOUR PETS

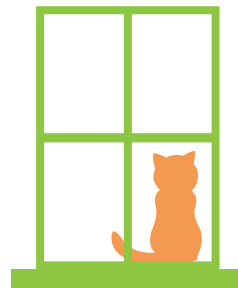
On the off chance your pet escapes through an open door, make sure it's properly identified with a **microchip**, **collar**, and **ID-tag**.²



2. KEEP YOUR FURRY FRIENDS INSIDE

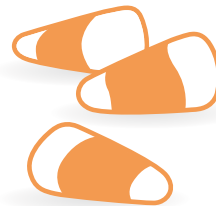
Loud noises and **strange visitors** can make Halloween a stressful time for pets. Keep your pets in a quiet room away from your front door.³

Consider bringing in outdoor pets for the evening.⁴ Avoid taking your pets trick-or-treating.



3. CANDY IS NOT FOR PETS

Chocolate and the artificial sweetener **xylitol** can cause serious health problems in pets. Keep your candy packaged and away from your pets.⁵



4. GUARD YOUR GOURD

Jack-o-lanterns are a tempting **fire hazard**, particularly for cats. Keep lighted pumpkins out of paws' reach.⁶ Ideally, illuminate jack-o-lanterns with LEDs instead of candles.



5. GLOW STICKS AREN'T TOYS

Though non-toxic, glow sticks are a common cause of calls to animal poison control. The liquid inside is bitter and can cause excessive **salivation** and **discomfort**. A small treat or drink of milk will mitigate the taste.⁷



6. HIDE YOUR CORDS & YOUR WIRES

Many Halloween decorations use extension cords and extraneous wires. Keep these cords and wires away from curious pets. They can be a **fire hazard**.⁸

