



HOWLOWEEN Safety Tips For Your Furry Friends

Candles & Wires

To avoid fires, use flameless battery-operated candles vs. lighted wax candles.

Curious kittens are at risk for getting burned/singed by candle flame.

Keep decorations and wires out of reach. They can cause electrical shock or burn.



Candy Wrappers

Ingestion of foil, cellophane wrappers & stick candies can cause life-threatening bowel obstruction.



Toss candy wrappers out immediately so pets can't chew or choke on them.

Plants: Pumpkins & Corn

Causes: gastrointestinal upset and intestinal blockage if large pieces are swallowed.

Some molds also produce mycotoxins, causing neurological problems.



Sugar-Free Candies & Gum

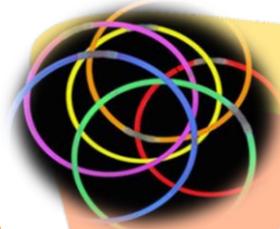
Contains: xylitol, an artificial sweetener.

Causes: drop in blood sugar within minutes after consumption.



Glow Sticks

Pets, especially cats, love to chew on these items.



Causes: pain and irritation (burning/stinging) in the mouth & on the skin.

- Profuse drooling and foaming at the mouth.

ID, Please!

Pets can easily slip out the door on Halloween.

ID tags and microchips can help bring your best friend home safely—there's nothing sweeter (candy included!) than that!





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Chocolate

The darker and more bitter the chocolate, the more problematic & toxic it is to your pets.



Dogs are extremely sensitive to theobromine, a caffeine-like compound found in chocolate. The darker the chocolate is, the higher its concentration (the more cocoa the chocolate contains).

Symptoms include:

- Extreme thirst,
- Diarrhea/vomiting,
- Shaking/seizures,
- Hyperactivity/pacing,
- Increased heart rate,
- Panting/rapid breathing.



Toxicity symptoms can take 6-12 hours to appear.

Meet & Greetings

Awareness and safe containment of your pet is the best way to keep them safe and lower their stress.

The noise of a ringing doorbell, constant knocking, and strangers in costumes can make pets skittish, anxious, or even agitated.

Stress can lead to: reduced appetite, digestive upset, or even aggression.

Keep your pets under close supervision at all times.

To do: put a gate up to keep them in the back room of the home, in a safe space.
▪ Out of sight and sound from trick-or-treaters.



Costumes

Don't leave your pet unattended in their costume.

- Pets can chew off loose pieces of fabric or dangling small objects.



Costumes should not restrict a pet's movement, hearing, eyesight, or ability to breathe.



- Avoid masks for your pet's costume:
 - Can obstruct vision or ability to breathe.

Movable, dangling parts can become a choking or mobility hazard.

- Can become entangled or injured.

If unsure, try out a festive bandana instead.

