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Halloween Hazards

With ghosts and demons right around the corner, here are some things to think about for Halloween. Trick or treaters will be coming to the door frequently which provides lots of opportunity for your pets to escape out the front door. Be sure your pets either have collars with identification information or microchips. Costumes can be scary for pets as people look different than they normally do. Do not put costumes on pets unless they really like them. They should be loose fitting and not restrict movement. If your pet seems stressed, take it off. Be sure there are no dangling or loose pieces that may be chewed off and consumed. If you have dogs or cats that may escape or get anxious, lock them in another room away from the door. Be sure to provide water and a litter box for cats. Your veterinarian has medication to help with anxiety or sound aversion if needed.

Use caution with outdoor pets with increased traffic on the streets and mischievous children may put them in harms way. Candles and flames can be dangerous to pets if they get their fur too close or reach to play with the flickering light. Electric cords running to Halloween displays are tempting to chew on and may cause serious injury or death. Halloween webbing may be tempting for dogs and cats to play with and may result in intestinal obstruction. Corn stalks and cobs, pumpkin and squash may be tempting foods for dogs and may cause intestinal upset or obstruction.

Halloween candy can be very dangerous to both dogs and cats. Chocolate is toxic with darker chocolate being worse than milk chocolate. Pets may eat candy wrappers as well which can cause intestinal blockage. Gums and some candies contain xylitol which is liver toxic to dogs even in very small amounts. Raisins can also be toxic to dogs. Dogs or cats may suffocate if they their heads stuck in trick or treat bags. Keep all candy on the counters and in locked Tupperware containers.

Have a safe and fun Halloween with your kids and your pets!

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