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## **HALLOWEEN PET SAFETY TIPS**

*Make this holiday fun for your furry family members, too!*

Halloween can be a festive and fun time of year for children and families, but for pets it can be stressful and even dangerous. Here are some ways to keep it fun and safe:

This is the perfect time to make sure your pet is licensed, microchipped and wearing up-to-date identification. A dog license helps our Officers get your lost pet safely home.

Plan ahead to keep your companion animals in a room away from the front door when trick-or-treaters are visiting. It is too easy for them to become frightened by the goblins and slip out the door.

Chocolate and other seemingly harmless ingredients can be poisonous to dogs and cats, so keep them out of reach. Dispose of the wrappers where pets can't get them to avoid choking. Also, remember that children may not understand why Fluffy can't share their treats, so use this as a teaching opportunity.

Tail wagging is a good thing – unless it's done around a lit candle! Keep candles and lit Jack-o-Lanterns at an appropriate height where your pets can't knock them over or get burned.

A decorative collar is far more comfortable than a costume for your pet. Make sure your pet thinks a costume is as much fun as you do before you dress them up for Halloween.

By following these helpful tips, Halloween can be a fun and safe holiday for pets and people alike!

Trick or Treat!

*Brenda*

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