



## HALLOWEEN PET SAFETY TIPS

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

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Halloween can be a festive and fun time of year for children and families; but for pets, it can be stressful and even dangerous. The Seattle Humane Society provides these tips to help keep your furry family members safe this season:

- **KEEP YOUR PET INSIDE**

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 be frightened by the goblins and slip out the door.

- **UPDATE IDENTIFICATION**

This is the perfect time to make sure your pet is microchipped and wearing up-to-date identification. Most veterinarians and shelters offer microchipping. If your pet is already microchipped, be sure the company has your current address and phone numbers.

- **FEED TREATS MADE FOR PETS**

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.

- **DECORATE WITH CAUTION**

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.

- **KEEP COSTUMES SAFE**

A decorative collar is far more comfortable than a costume. The elastic in costumes can restrict circulation and restricted vision can lead to accidents. Loose-fitting costumes can become tangled and small, dangling pieces can create a choking hazard. Make sure your pet thinks a costume is as much fun as you do before you dress him up for Halloween.

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

*Seattle Humane Society has been awarded the coveted 4-star rating by Charity Navigator, America's largest independent charity evaluator. Founded in 1897 to bring people and pets together, Seattle Humane Society provides incredible companion animals for adoption 7 days a week, pet workshops and training, a pet food bank, a low-fee spay/neuter surgery program, humane teen club, a visiting pets program and more. Seattle Humane Society is located in Bellevue, at 13212 SE Eastgate Way. For directions and more information, visit [www.seattlehumane.org](http://www.seattlehumane.org) or call (425) 641-0080.*