

# HALLOWEENTIPS

FROM PENN VET'S RYAN HOSPITAL



## HALLOWEEN TREATS CAN LEAD TO HORRIBLE TRICKS IN PETS



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**Keep Halloween candy out of your pet's reach.** Chocolate and other treats can be potentially harmful to animals. Tinfoil and cellophane candy wrappers can also be hazardous if swallowed. Even grapes or raisins can be toxic to dogs!

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**Don't put costumes on your pets unless you know they enjoy it.** If they do, make sure the costume doesn't restrict your pet's movement, vision, hearing, or ability to breathe or bark. Adults should supervise pets in costume at all times. Cats can ingest strings that can cause life-threatening intestinal obstruction.

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Children in costumes may frighten your dog or cat. **Pets should be kept in a separate room during peak trick-or-treating hours.**

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**Keep pets away from lit pumpkins.** Curious pets could be burned or start a fire if they knock over the pumpkin.

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**Keep pets inside on Halloween** to avoid pranksters who may harm them. This is especially important for cats, which should be kept inside for several days before and after Halloween. Black cats, in particular, may be at risk.

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If your pet is very social and you choose not to put him/her in a separate room, **be sure your pet doesn't dart out when you open the door.** Just in case, make sure your pets are wearing current identification.



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