

HALLOWEEN SAFETY GUIDE FOR DOG PARENTS







Halloween can be a spooky time—but it doesn't have to be scary for your dog! As a pet parent, keeping your dog safe and comfortable is the top priority. Here's a quick guide to help you navigate the candy, costumes, and creepy characters while making sure your pup stays happy and secure during the festivities.

Candy Danger: Keep the Treats Out of Paws' Reach!

 Candy isn't for dogs—especially chocolate, xylitol (a sweetener), and raisins, which are toxic. Be sure all treats are stored in a safe place out of your dog's reach.

 Monitor trick-or-treating zones: Keep candy bowls high and teach kids to place wrappers in the trash where curious pups can't get them.

 If your dog gets into candy, contact your vet immediately or call a pet poison hotline Pet Poison Hotline 855-764

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Consent!

Costumes for humans can be scary for dogs! Masks, hats, and unfamiliar shapes can spook even the most easygoing pups.

- If you're dressing up, introduce your costume slowly to your dog before Halloween. Let them sniff and explore the costume while offering treats for calm behavior.
- Avoid exposing your dog to trick-or-treaters or adults in terrifying costumes. Consider creating a safe space in another room with a cozy bed, toys, and calming music.



Dog costumes should always be about comfort and consent.

- Let your dog explore the costume piece by piece. If they seem uncomfortable or stressed, don't force it—some dogs simply prefer going au naturel!
- If your dog does enjoy dressing up, make sure the costume is safe: no tight or restrictive parts, nothing they can chew or swallow, and nothing covering their eyes or mouth.

Scary Behavior: Preventing Fearful Encounters

Trick-or-treaters acting spooky—with sudden movements, scary noises, or masks—can frighten your dog. Minimize your dog's exposure to these triggers by:

- Creating a quiet, safe space away from the action.
- Using gates or crates to keep your dog out of high-traffic areas during trick-or-treating hours.
- Keeping your dog on leash or indoors if you're outside to avoid unexpected interactions.

General Safety Tips for Halloween Night

- Doorbell dread: If your dog reacts to the doorbell, consider keeping it off for the night and using a sign to ask trick-ortreaters to knock instead.
- Visibility matters: If you take your dog outside, make sure they
 wear reflective gear or a glow-in-the-dark collar for safety.
- Check your yard: After the festivities, ensure there's no candy, wrappers, or decorations left in your yard that your dog could get into.

By planning ahead and being mindful of your dog's needs, you can ensure that Halloween stays a fun, safe experience for both humans and pups!

Stay safe, have fun, and enjoy a paw-some Halloween with your furry friend!



