

KEEP PETS SAFE THIS HALLOWEEN

Halloween

Día de Muertos

FAMILY FEATURES

Halloween isn't just for humans; four-legged friends have plenty of opportunity to get in on the fun, too. However, it's important to take some pet precautions that allow the whole family to enjoy the holiday safely, as the costumes and excitement can be overwhelming

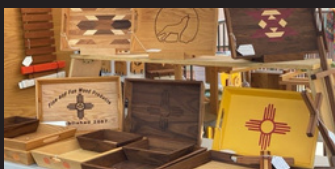
and some of the candy is even dangerous.

As you're filling the candy buckets and assembling the perfect costumes, be sure to heed these tips from the experts at PetSmart for a Halloween filled with pet-friendly fun:



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Make sure pets have proper identification by micro-chipping and registering your pet's microchip, and keeping identification and registration tags on their collars. This is especially important around Halloween, when open doors offer more opportunity for escape.

If your pet will be joining the family while trick-or-treating, be sure they are visible to motorists by using a reflective collar, harness or leash.

COSTUME CONCERNS

Just like with children, there are safety issues to consider when costuming your pets. Not all dogs like wearing clothes and some may become stressed or agitated while wearing a costume or sweater. However, many dogs just need a little coaxing and positive reinforcement.

- Start with a simple accessory, like a bandana, working your way up to a costume.
 - Make sure costumes include eye and ear holes, and if they don't, consider removing whole portions of the costume to ensure your pet's ability to see, hear and breathe. Make sure there isn't anything that could be a tripping hazard. Also, be sure to check the costume for little parts within biting or chewing distance.
 - Dogs can overheat easily, so ensure your dog's clothing is not too bulky or heavy if the weather is warm.
 - In the end, the top priority should be your pet's comfort level.
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