



1. **No treats for your pets.** Candy should be for the kids but not your pets. Candy overindulgence of all kinds but especially chocolate is dangerous for your pets. If you suspect your pet has eaten candy call your veterinarian or the ASPCA Pet Poison Control immediately at 1-800-213-6680.
2. **Decorations.** Jack-o-Lanterns, decorative corn and pumpkins, while non-toxic can upset your pets stomach so keep them away from your pets. If they have cords or wires, they can also be dangerous.
3. **Candles or Lit Jack o-Lanterns.** They can be dangerous for pets, especially with long wagging tails and fur, they can easily be knocked over and start a fire.
4. **Costumes.** Not all pets can or should wear costumes. If your pet is not comfortable it causes unnecessary stress, combined with strange smells and sounds can increase their stress levels more.
5. **Keep your Pets Inside.** Pets are often stolen, injured, tortured and killed over Halloween. Keep them inside in a safe place with their toys, chews and away from noise. .
6. **Noise.** Cover the doorbell so it won't ring all night, turn on some "white noise" or TV to drown out the noise.
7. **Exercise.** Take them for a long walk before the Trick or Treaters visit. Tired pets are less stressed.
8. **ID Your Pets:** Keep pets away from the front door in case they may dart out. Make sure your pets have proper ID, micro-chips and you have a current photo of your pet in case you need to make a flyer.
9. **Glow sticks and jewelry:** Pets, especially cats, love to chew on these items. Their contents can cause pain and irritation in the mouth, as well as profuse drooling and foaming at the mouth.
10. **Wrappers.** Candy wrappers, foil and cellophane wrapper can cause a life-threatening bowel obstruction, which if severe, can require surgical intervention to correct. Watch for vomiting, decreased appetite, not defecating, straining to defecate, or lethargy. X-rays may be necessary to diagnose this problem.

