



HALLOWEEN HAZARD SAFETY TIPS

Candy – Chocolate – Yummy Chocolate, but is it yummy for your pet (s)? Chocolate contains a component called theobromine. Many animals cannot break down or excrete this component efficiently, resulting in toxic levels of theobromine in their bodies. ***Symptoms of chocolate ingestion, even small amounts, can be vomiting and diarrhea. Other signs of Chocolate toxicity are tremors, nervousness, increased heart rate, seizures and in severe cases - death.***

**CONSULT A VETERINARIAN IF YOU SUSPECT YOUR
PET HAS EATEN CHOCOLATE**

Xylitol - Xylitol, a sugar free sweetener is found in many gums, candies, mints, baked goods and chocolate. This can cause hypoglycemia (low blood sugar) and liver failure in your pet if ingested. This is highly poisonous to animals.

Costumes: Although cute and scary, costumes can pose a threat to your pet's safety. if left alone, your pet may chew and ingest pieces of its costume, resulting in a possible obstruction in the intestine and/or stomach.

Best Tip – DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PET UNATTENDED WHILE WEARING A COSTUME

Strangers: Some pets may become aggressive and/or fearful toward strangers wearing costumes. This may happen unexpectedly, even if your pet is normally friendly toward strangers and children.

Keep your pet home – Some people and groups can be a threat to animals during the Halloween season; especially toward black cats.

Candles – Candles and Jack-O-Lanterns can pose as a fire hazard resulting in burns, if tipped over or touched by wagging tails.

Doorbell - “Knock, Knock – Trick or Treat” When trick or treaters are out ringing doorbells, keep in mind this could stress your pet (s). Remember to keep all pets in a quiet and safe place during this time.