

HALLOWEEN-- NOT Happy for all!

It's Halloween night, the doorbell is continuously ringing, cute little goblins, and deluxe witches all appear at the door for trick and treats. Your dog may be terrified! Be cautious, assuring your pet's safety by following these guidelines:

- Pets in Disguise: Avoid costumes on pets, IF you dress up your pet, make sure the costume is not annoying or unsafe. It should not constrict the pet's movement or hearing, or impede his ability to breathe, or bark. Assure no small, dangling or easily chewed off pieces are on the costume. If your pet seems distressed, allergic, or shows abnormal behavior, take the costume off immediately! Avoid all costumes held in place with a rubber band, rubber bands mistakenly left on can quickly borrow into the animal's skin and cause injury.
- No Trick, No Treats: Chocolates, in all forms, especially dark or baking chocolate, and artificial sweetener xylitol can be deadly for pets. Do not allow kids to share candy with your pets. Adults should never get an animal drunk or high, intoxication can kill the pet. Call your veterinarian if you suspect your pet has ingested something toxic.
- Decorate Sparsely: While not toxic, be careful with lit pumpkins (jack-o'-lanterns) and candles. Pets can knock them over, starting a fire. Ensure all decorations are out of pet's reach. Wires and cords from electric lights and other decorations if chewed, will cause burns, possibly life-threatening electrical shock. Loud, flashy decorations with lights and sound are stressful for many pets. Dry ice, used for a "smoking cauldron" effect, can prove grave if the ice comes into contact with the dog's skin.
- Evil in the Night: Be extremely cautious, do not leave pets outside overnight! Even if your pet is outside normally, bring them indoors. Many pets are stolen on Halloween night, some people play at being "Satanist" committing horrible cruelty to pets. Pranksters, with dark intentions, tease, abduct or torture pets during Halloween season. Pets should have a safe haven in your home, a separate room away from the Halloween ruckus.

Guests at Ms C's Bed & Biscuits will have their own Halloween party, the weekend prior to Halloween, with special nutritious doggy treats.