HALLOWEEN PET SAFETY TIPS

Make sure your pets don't find themselves in the scariest place they can think of this Halloween!

Follow these tips to keep your pet from finding its way into the shelter:

1 MICROCHIP THEM AND UPDATE CONTACT INFO

Get your pet microchipped and make sure contact information is current. It makes reuniting with your pet faster and less stressful if it is picked up by animal control. If you don't know if your pet is microchipped, check with your veterinarian or the shelter where you adopted your pet.

2 PUT A PET ID TAG ON THEIR COLLAR

Attach an ID tag with a current phone number to the collar. Most pet stores offer five-minute self-service kiosks for pet ID tags.

3 LOCK THEM IN A QUIET, COZY ROOM

If you are hosting trick or treaters and visitors, keep your pet in a closed, quiet room and discourage entry into the room to make sure they don't try to dash out the door.

4 DON'T LEAVE THEM OUTSIDE, UNATTENDED

Don't leave your pet alone in the yard, and keep them on a leash when you take them outside for potty breaks. The extra noise and activity may cause agitation or fear and your pet may try to escape.

5 DON'T GIVE THEM HALLOWEEN CANDY

Keep Halloween candy and treats out of reach of your pet, and pay attention to what your dog is interested in while on walks so they don't eat dropped treats from the night before. Chocolate and raisins are toxic to dogs and cats, so keep a close eye on what they're eating over the next few days.

6 FIT PET COSTUMES PROPERLY

Make sure pet costumes fit comfortably, aren't tight, and don't restrict the dog's movements at all. Also, make sure that it doesn't interfere with the proper fitting of the collar, harness, or leash.

7 TAKE CURRENT PHOTOS OF YOUR PETS FROM ALL ANGLES

If your pet goes missing, you will have accurate descriptions and current images to post to Pet Lost and Found social media groups and for flyer distribution in your neighborhood and to shelters and rescues.

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