



HALLOWEEN PET SAFETY TIPS FROM CARE STL

STL CITY'S NONPROFIT NO-KILL ANIMAL SHELTER PARTNER

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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. 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 your pet's 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 your pet in a quiet, cozy room during the celebration**
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. Do not leave unattended pets outside**
Do not 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. No Halloween candy for dogs or cats**
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 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.

About CARE STL:

Center for Animal Rescue and Enrichment of St. Louis (CARE STL) is a 501c3 nonprofit organization serving as the official No-Kill animal shelter partner for the City of St. Louis Animal Care and Control. We provide animal regulation services and work with the City of St. Louis to enforce Title 10 of the City of St. Louis Ordinance relevant to animal care and control. We also embrace the No-Kill equation and follow the guiding principles of no-kill shelters. We work with a network of community partners, business sponsors, adopters, donors, and volunteers to advocate for animal welfare.

Adoptable pets can be viewed at: www.icarestl.org/adopt

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