

## October

### Halloween Tips

Halloween can be a dangerous holiday for dogs and cats

#### **Keep your dogs and cats safe with these tips:**

Bring your dog and cats inside where they cannot be harmed or overwhelmed by little goblins and ghouls. If your dog is an outside dog, bring him in a few times before the big night to get him used to being inside. Remember, a dogs natural instinct is to protect their family from strangers, and on Halloween there will be plenty of strangers.

#### **Keep candy away from you dog**

A lot of candy especially those containing chocolate or xylitol, an artificial sweetener-are toxic to dogs and cats. Symptoms can range from a mild upset stomach to vomiting and diarrhea, or even death. For you dogs safety, be sure to keep all sweets out of reach.

#### **Keep Your Dog Restrained**

If your dog is timid or scared, or if he tends to love people a little too much, put him in a separate room away from the front door.. This will limit his excitement, aggression or chance of running outside and getting lost or injured.

#### **Protect Dogs from candles and Pumpkins**

Excited or agitated dogs can easily knock over a lit candle or pumpkin. Keep such items out of your dogs and cats reach, or consider using a battery powered candle that does not burn.

#### **Consider Carefully and Be Prepared**

Think carefully about taking your dog with you trick-or-treating. You may unintentionally install a new fear of strangers in him, creating wariness that could last long past the holiday. If you do take your dog make sure you keep a firm hold on his leash. Dogs do not understand that the person jumping out at you will not hurt you: they often think they can help you by acting aggressively. Neither children nor adults should approach your dog in costume without the owner's consent.

#### **Check Your DOGS ID TAG.**

Be sure your dogs identification tags are securely on your dogs collar-just in case