

Halloween Safety For Your Animals



Safety with Trick-or-Treaters:

- Most dogs hear the doorbell and race to the door. It's opened by a scary kid with a mask! Halloween often sees an increase in animal bites. Use caution with pets at the door!
- Keep your pets in a room away from the front door so they don't feel the need to rush the door with every knock or ring of the doorbell. A leash or baby gate may also be a helpful idea to keep your front door a pet-free zone.

Safety with Decorations:

- Animals may find your decorations interesting and want to play with them because they sparkle, crackle and move. Chewing or swallowing can cause severe gastrointestinal problems or an obstruction, which might mean emergency surgery!
- Make sure the electrical cords are out of the way; pets love dangling things to play with, and cords can cause electrical shock, which can be fatal!

Safety with Candy:

- Keep your kids' Halloween bag out of reach for all animals in your house. If one of them ingests something, seek medical help right away. Chocolate, gum, and raisins are toxic for animals (just to name a few).
- Keep an eye on your cats too! They like to get into forbidden things as well! Those crinkly candy wrappers are enticing!
- Be cautious of where you place pumpkins! Animals love to eat them and your kiddo could become very sick if they try to eat the whole thing.

Educate your Children:

- Teach them that candy is hazardous for pets.
- Teach them that decorations should always be out of reach of pets.
- Teach them that they should NEVER try to scare a pet with a costume and to use caution around pets they don't know.



Have a safe and wonderful Halloween!

Interested in Pet Friendly Treats?

Healthy Pumpkin Balls

Ingredients:

- ½ c. canned pumpkin
- 2 c whole wheat flour
- 4 tbsp molasses ***
- ¼ tsp baking soda
- 4 tbsp water
- ¼ tsp baking powder
- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 tsp gr. cinnamon (opt.)



Directions:

- Preheat oven to 350 F.
- Mix pumpkin, molasses, oil, and water in a bowl.
- Add flour, baking soda, baking powder, & cinnamon to the mixture and stir until dough softens.
- Scoop small spoonfuls of dough and roll into balls.
- Place balls onto lightly greased cookie sheet and flatten w a fork.
- Bake approximately 25 m until dough is hardened.

Cool completely before consuming.

Source: <http://www.cesarsway.com>

***** Diabetics should NOT have
molasses *****

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