

PET SAFETY FOR HALLOWEEN:

- Set up a safe room for your pet to go into with all the visitors and noises going on Halloween night.
- Talk to us about a medication that could be right for your pet to help with noise aversion.
- Keep your collar on your pets to ensure proper identification if they were to escape due to all the activities on Halloween. Also, a microchip is another great tool to help identify lost pets!
- Keep candy out of your pet's reach. Chocolate and treats that contain sugar free ingredient, xylitol can be toxic to your pet. Call your vet immediately if your pet does get into candy to decide what is best course of treatment.
- Use caution with decorations around the house! Chewing of Halloween décor can be dangerous to your pet's health as well.
- Never leave your pet unattended in their Halloween costume.



YOUR OTHER FAMILY DOCTOR

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A big misconception is that pet's do not need to go on flea and tick or heartworm prevention year round when the weather gets cooler. We recommend year round prevention for both.

Heartworm disease can take 6 months for the lifecycle to fully occur and show positive on the test. There is a bigger risk for pet's to get heartworm disease if they have not properly received prevention in the winter months. We have seen in Iowa, milder winters and seen mosquitos popping up early.

Fleas can often hitch a ride into your home on a host during the colder months to avoid the cold and ticks are not always dormant during the winter months. Ticks require 40° F or less to die off and even then not all ticks die off. Some will only go dormant during those times.

Important contacts if your pet got into candy:

We have a vet on call 24/7—please call the office at 319-478-8411 or 319-442-3452. Leave a message and someone will get back to you in a timely fashion.

Animal Poison Control: 855-764-7661