

Humane Society of Elmore County News – 27 Oct '14
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Halloween brings lots of fun for us humans, but trick or treaters, candy & people in costumes have special risks we need to think about to keep our pets safe. Candy may be tough on our waist lines but can sadly be deadly for our pets! Chocolate and the artificial sweetener Xylitol found in many candies can be toxic to pets not to mention the danger from swallowed candy wrappers & lollipop sticks! Please keep all candies safely out of reach of your pets and don't leave 'Dixie' unattended with a big bowl of candy at the front door. Also please make sure your children are aware that their Halloween Candy should NOT be shared with their special furry friend. Perhaps make a special 'pet candy bowl' with small doggy or kitty treats that your children can safely share with them they have their own 'treats.'

What about costumes? What you may think is cute might be quite stressful to your pet. If you do dress up your pet, make sure the costume doesn't constrict its movement, hearing or breathing. Also check to make sure there are no dangling pieces that your pet could get caught in or chew on. And if your pet seems distressed then best to just nix the costume all together.

If you are having a party, probably best to keep your pets in a separate room so they won't become scared or even protective when they see humans in odd and scary costumes. This will also help protect them from being fed inappropriate food, treats and candy by kind, but uninformed party guests.

Please also keep your pets in another room or part of the house if you are opening your door for trick-or-treaters! It would be easy for a pet to escape and we certainly don't want a pet to be freaked out by scores of children in all manner of costumes resulting in either a lost pet or, worse, a bite. And make sure pets and 'candle lit' Halloween decorations are not left alone to help prevent an accidental fire! We hope everyone has a Spooktacular Halloween week this week!

Reminder for our Volunteers of our "Thank You Volunteers" get-together at Casa Napoli this Sat, 1 Nov at 6 pm. If you forgot to RSVP to Charline, please call her (334-202-1381) as soon as possible!

And another reminder – set your clocks BACK this weekend as Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, 2 November, 2 am!