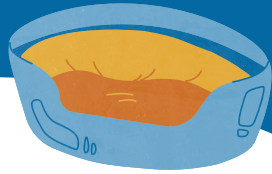


# Keeping pets safe at Halloween

Prepare for the doorbell going off more than usual on the night of Halloween. Create a safe cosy space they can retreat to if they feel worried.



Make sure it's away from the front door and windows.



Walk your dog before it gets dark or tire them out at home with mental stimulation games, enrichment or training.



Keep sweets and chocolate out of reach from pets as they can be toxic if ingested.



If your pet has eaten any, please contact the vet for advice asap.



Check contact details on their microchip are up to date.

Ensure collar and ID tag are on your pet, in case of escape due to stress.



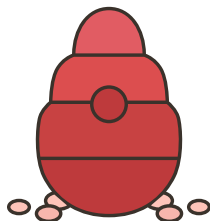
If your dog is particularly nervous perhaps put out a sign saying,

**'Nervous dog, please don't knock'**

and leave a bowl of sweets outside for trick-or-treaters.



Plan to keep them busy with a toy or enrichment (like a stuffed Kong) whilst you go to the door.



Pets can feel distressed when wearing a costume as they might not be used to wearing clothes. We would advise not to put costumes on your pets at Halloween.

Pumpkins are a big tradition at Halloween, whilst they are not toxic to pets, they may cause stomach upsets if a large quantity is eaten. So, it's best to keep them out of your pet's reach.



Be careful with Halloween candle decorations. Try using electric candles instead to lessen the risk of burns and singed fur or whiskers!



## Happy Halloween

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