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Spooky Sounds, Racing Hearts.

Helping Your Pet Stay Calm This Halloween



Halloween can be fun for humans, but for pets, it can be a night full of scary sights, strange sounds, and unfamiliar visitors. Here are some simple ways to keep your furry friends safe and stress-free during the festivities:



Create a Safe Space

- Set up a quiet room or cozy corner where your pet can relax.
- Add their favorite bed, blanket, and toys.
- Play soft music or white noise to help block out outdoor sounds.



Trick-or-Treat Traffic Tips

- Keep pets in a closed room during trick-or-treating to prevent escape or stress.
- Consider leaving a note asking visitors not to ring the doorbell.
- Always make sure your pet is wearing updated ID tags or is microchipped.



Keep Candy Away

- Chocolate, xylitol, and many other Halloween treats are toxic to pets.
- Keep candy bowls and wrappers out of reach.
- Remind children and guests not to share treats with pets.



Dress-Up Carefully

- Choose lightweight costumes that don't restrict movement, vision, or breathing.
- Try the costume on ahead of time.
- If your pet seems stressed, skip the costume and use a festive collar or bandana instead.



Calm Their Nerves

- Try pheromone diffusers, calming wraps, or vet-approved supplements.
- For severe anxiety, ask your veterinarian about prescription options.



Stay Calm Yourself

Your pet looks to you for reassurance. Stay calm and comforting, your steady energy helps them feel safe, even when things get spooky!

A Happy (and Safe) Halloween for All

With a little preparation, you can keep your pets safe, calm, and comfortable throughout the Halloween excitement.

A stress-free pet means more treats, less tricks, and a happier holiday for everyone!



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