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HALLOWEEN SAFETY FOR PETS

Halloween has become an increasingly popular seasonal celebration for children of all ages and our pets are becoming part of that fun. However, there are some basic issues that need to be addressed to keep your furry monsters safe during this season.

Some pets become very distressed with costumes, noise, doorbells and fireworks. Be sure to keep these pets indoors until all activity has ceased. If you know your pet gets very upset at Halloween activity consider a sedative. Visit your veterinarian **well in advance** of Halloween to discuss the use of sedatives.

Watch that Halloween candy! Don't give your furry friends candy. Though Halloween candy is generally low in theobromine, the dangerous ingredient in chocolate for dogs, it's still high in sugar. It can cause hyperactivity, vomiting, and diarrhea. It can also cause pancreatitis in some dogs which can be an expensive condition to treat. Some treats may cause a foreign body obstruction that requires surgery, again an expensive treatment. Make sure the children keep the candy & chips out of your dog's reach.

Watch out for tails and candles. Wagging tails can knock over candles, pumpkins and decorations. Startled cats will jump onto counters & shelves knocking over candles as well. Never leave burning candles unattended!

Sadly, some people can be quite cruel and malicious to animals, especially during Halloween. Protect your pets, particularly if they are black. Know where they are at all times. Don't leave them in the back yard. If you have a black cat, keep it indoors for several days before and after Halloween.

DID YOU KNOW??

As a commitment to public education and preventive health Dr. Borgmann writes articles for 'Abbotsford Today'. The current series features kitten behavior and care. You may view current and archived articles on our website at www.whatcomvet.com

A Reminder: Save Trees!

Send us your email address for reminders & newsletters.

You may opt out at any time and we will not give away or sell your address.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

- Dr. Macquisten has attended the CAZA conference (the Canadian Association of Zoos and Aquariums).
- Drs. Foell & Borgmann attended a Dermatology seminar in Vancouver.
- Natalie H. & Misty went to an introductory dental workshop.
- Taylor & Dr. Borgmann attended the intermediate dental workshop on dental radiology, nerve blocks and advanced extraction techniques.
- Drs. Borgmann and Macquisten will be attending a cat diabetes seminar.
- Dr. Borgmann will be attending the University of Davis Dermatology Conference.

We are always striving to improve our skills to better serve you and your pet!