



KEEPING PETS SAFE THIS HALLOWEEN

With Halloween fast approaching, pet owners are encouraged to consider their pets when planning their Halloween activities. Harris County Public (HCPH) Veterinary Public Health Division, offers some tips on pet safety:

- Keep all dogs and cats inside – in a quiet room. Don't take your pet trick-or-treating and he won't be welcome or happy at any organized party. Outside pets can become the victim of cruel pranksters. Bring your pet in the house.
- When the doorbell rings, don't let your pet go to the door. Costumes, loud noises, and a parade of strangers can be upsetting for pets and he could easily slip out of the door while you are handing out candy. Frightened pets can get away from us and become confused and lost.
- Don't feed any candy to your pet. Some types of candy, especially chocolate, can cause life-threatening illness.
- Make sure all decorations, lights, and candles are well out of the reach of curious noses and excited tails.
- Make sure your pet wears current identification at all times. Don't take chances.

Shelters traditionally suspend black at adoptions around Halloween. If you own a black cat, take extra precautions to protect your pet during this season. A little extra care and the holiday can be safe for you and your pet.

For more information go to www.hphctx.org/AboutOrganization/VPH or call 281-999-3191. To see pictures of pets available for adoption visit www.countypets.com