



# Halloween Safety Tips for Dogs



Costumes, noise, and strangers can be frightening for our canine counterparts and it's important we help those that may not be in the Halloween spirit.

1. Keep pets safely inside. Many escape yards and enclosures when there is commotion.
2. If your dog doesn't enjoy greeting people at the door or bolts out an open door, keep him crated or in a closed bedroom during trick-or-treating hours. You can also use a baby gate or divider in the entrance hall so he can see what's going on, but can't get to the door.
3. If your dog is fearful, keep her crated with a favorite treat, such as a bone or peanut butter-filled Kong. Disarm your doorbell, turn off your porch light, and turn on music or the tv for background noise. You can also try a Calming Collar ([www.calmingcollars.com](http://www.calmingcollars.com)). Take her outside to potty before the shenanigans begin.
4. Keep all candy away from dogs. Chocolate, raisins, gum, and wrappers can be deadly. Also watch those Halloween decorations – a candle-lit pumpkin can be easily knocked over by Fido and a glow stick can look like a fun chew toy.
5. If your dog enjoys wearing a costume, great. If he hates it, don't push it and make him uncomfortable.



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