

## Keep Cats Safe on Halloween

**American Humane offers tips to keep pets safe tonight.**

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Give your cat some extra attention during the Halloween festivities to ensure his safety on a potentially unsettling day. Halloween is finally here, offering children and adults alike the opportunity to dress up, eat candy and have fun. For cats and dogs, however, the holiday can create slightly scary changes in their normal routines: bags of tempting candy, glowing pumpkins and owners that don't look the quite the same. To make Halloween safe and less scary for pets, American Humane offers these tips: Give your pets extra love and attention to help relieve any Halloween stress. Put your cats in another room on Halloween night so they don't dash out the door when trick-or-treaters come calling. To be on the safe side, update your cat's identification tag and make sure your cat is wearing it on Halloween night. Instead of a candle, consider using a kid- and pet-friendly battery-operated tap light in your jack-o-lantern. Choose Halloween decorations with your pet's safety in mind. Remember that cats may chew crepe-paper streamers, and the dye used on the streamers can upset their stomachs. Keep candy treats away from pets. Chocolate especially can be toxic to cats and dogs.