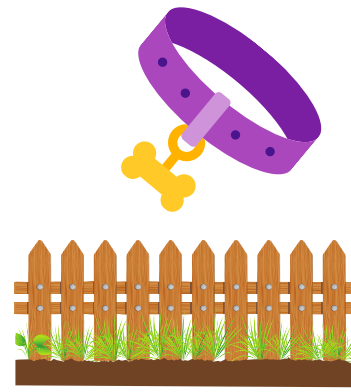


Halloween Safety Tips

Many dogs find Halloween a stressful time. From strange yard decorations, being made to dress up, fireworks, people wearing fancy dress costumes to the doorbell ringing potentially more than on any other night of the year it's no wonder our dogs can become a little freaked out by it all!!

Safety First

When dogs are scared or spooked there is a greater chance they may bolt and get lost. Make sure they are microchipped and wearing ID tags. In unsecured areas make sure they are leashed. If they are in your yard ensure gates are locked and fence panels secure.



Hang a Sign

If people ringing your door bell is stressful for your dog, leave a bowl of candy outside with a note to take a piece or two.



Long Lasting Chew



Giving your dog something suitable to chew on may help to calm them and keep them occupied when trick or treaters come to your door.

Walks

It's a good idea to either ditch your evening walk or do it earlier so that you avoid trick or treaters while out on your walk. If you are out walking the following morning keep an eye out for dropped candy that your dog may try and eat.



Reduce Their Stress Level



Lots of dogs lack confidence when it comes to having doggy clothes put on them. Just because your dog lets you dress him up doesn't mean he is comfortable or relaxed. If in doubt leave the costume in the drawer!

Safe Space



If your dog doesn't already have a safe space, consider building the value for one. Ideally if you are having guests this could be in a bedroom or study where they can retreat from all the goings on.

Management



If you don't know how your dog will react to people in fancy dress it's best not to bring him to the door with you. If you've bowls of candy and chocolate sitting out make sure your dog can't reach them. It's your responsibility to keep them safe.

Vet & Trainer Support

Speak to your vet about appropriate medication to help Halloween be a less stressful time for your dog and schedule some lessons with a dog trainer to help you help your dog overcome their struggles.

