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The DCC Barker

HAPPY HOWL-O-WEEN!

Many youngsters dabble in devilish behavior this time of year, and animals are often the targets of their pranks. But a treat for the kids can be a cruel trick for a dog or cat. Here are some tips to help keep your animals safe on this haunting holiday:

- **Dogs should be kept indoors.** Some kids think that letting dogs out of their yards on Halloween is a great trick, but it's a terrifying experience for dogs, who often run from the noise and the strangely dressed people and can become lost. Dogs can also be injured if kids poke at them through fences or pelt them with eggs.
- Put animals in a secure room during trick-or-treat time. Cats can quickly slip out the front door, and dogs sometimes try to bite unsuspecting kids, thinking that they're intruders. For everyone's safety, it's best to keep animals inside a bedroom or family room, away from all the commotion.
- Don't take dogs on trick-or-treating trips. Trick-or-treaters are usually more interested in collecting candy than they are in monitoring the dogs. Dogs can easily become frightened by the endless stream of laughing and screaming children and run off or even bite someone.
- Keep candy out of reach of animals, and make sure that kids know not to share their goodies with four-legged friends. All candy (and wrappers!) can cause animals to become sick, and chocolate—which contains an ingredient that is poisonous to dogs—can kill. A simple cat or dog treat will make animals' Halloween great without making them sick.
- Keep curious noses and paws away from candles and party favors. Jack-o'-lanterns lit up by candles are appropriately spooky, but they can burn animals (and children) or start fires if tipped over. The ink that is used in some brightly colored decorations, such as orange streamers and paper pumpkins, is toxic to animals, and swallowed balloons or party favors can block an animal's digestive tract.
- **Remember that animals aren't party props.** Fido might look cute wearing a witch's hat, but many animals become upset if they are forced into clothing. Costumes that are kept in place with tight rubber bands can cut off circulation. And while some party planners think that it's frightful fun to have a black cat jump out of a closet at guests, the frightened kitty (and guests) probably won't agree.

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october spotlight employee Jan Adams

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Jan Adams has led a very diverse life. She had a wallpaper hanging business, ran a home clean-out business for the aging, a flight attendant with US AIR for 26 years, and a hairstylist. Ever since Jan can remember she's wanted to be around little dogs! The opportunity came when a friend told her that a new Dog Boarding and Daycare Facility was opening soon in Denver! She was hired before DCC was open for business and just celebrated her 3-year anniversary. In Jan's spare time and when she's not loving all the pups at DCC, she loves going to outdoor concerts, she loves to visit friends in Arizona with her husband, and she loves to play games in the evenings with her husband and their neighbors.



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OCTOBER DOG OF THE MONTH

Hi, My name is Mr. Parks Hughes, and I am 10 years old. I was rescued from a State Park in Tennessee when I was 2. I survived for a while eating dandelions and still love to lick their "puffs". A kind forest ranger took me to a foster home for a few days until I was transported to Huntersville, NC where my Mom and Dad fell in love with me and took me to my forever home.

My Mom wanted me to help out with my Dad who was very sick. I did my very best to make him happy until he went to heaven. After that, I felt it was my sole responsibility to GUARD and care for my Mom. He says I do a terrific job and occasionally brings me to Denver Canine to see other "fur people" like me. She knows I need my social time----and this is the greatest place on Earth to find friends and to be spoiled by the caring staff here.

I am proud to be highlighted in the October newsletter from Denver Canine. I really LOVE each and every time I get to come here. Sincerely, Mr. Parks Hughes