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Halloween Safety Tips for Pets

No Trick, All Treat Adoption Promotion with select dogs & cats \$31



EUGENE, OREGON – (October 27, 2023) – Before people pull out those Halloween decorations and candy, it’s important to take note of the dangers certain common holiday traditions pose to animals. A day filled with candy, parties and scary costumes can be a tough day for pets. [Greenhill Humane Society](https://www.greenhill-hill.org) urges people to keep their pets’ safety in mind when planning their festivities this October 31st.

“With Halloween on a Tuesday this year, we anticipate a long weekend of festivities leading up to the day which means it is important to keep your pet safe and comfortable,” said Sarah Bouzad, Greenhill’s Community Engagement & Events Manager. “Consistent knocking at the front door, spooky decorations, and people in costumes may cause stress for your pets.”

Below are helpful tips for ensuring a happy and safe Halloween:

- **Stash candy safely away.** Several holiday favorites are toxic to pets so it's best to keep candy out of reach. If your pet ingests candy, especially chocolate, contact your veterinarian right away.
- **Make sure pet costumes are the right fit.** Check to make sure the costume does not limit their ability to walk, breath, bark or meow. Any extra fabric may cause a choking hazard if chewed on. Wearing costumes can also increase your dog's feeling of discomfort and make them more stressed and anxious. If your pet looks uncomfortable or stressed while wearing the costume, it's best to keep them in their birthday suit for the night.
- **Watch out for decorative plants and candles.** Curious pets may knock over a lit jack-o-lantern or candle and start a fire or get burned. It's better to keep these decorations away from pets, especially corn cobs which can be a choking hazard to dogs.
- **Don't leave glow sticks out.** Pets (especially cats) tend to love these and often bite into them, leaving a bitter taste in their mouth that can cause severe drooling.
- **Keep your pets in a safe place indoors, including outdoor cats.** Halloween can be stressful for dogs and cats due to strange masks and noises. Keep your pets in a closed room where they can relax away from the front door. This will not only help them remain calm, but also prevent them from darting out the door. If your animals are outside, make sure they are properly secured, have collars, tags and are microchipped.

If you have lost or found a pet, in addition to contacting Greenhill Humane Society, contact your local animal control office.

- Cottage Grove - Cottage Grove Police Department: 541-942-9145
- Eugene - Eugene Animal Services: 541-687-4060
- Unincorporated Lane County - Lane County Animal Services: 541-682-3645
- Springfield - Springfield Animal Control/Police Dept.: 344 A Street: 541-726-3634
- Veneta - Veneta Animal Control/City Hall: 88184 8th street: 541-935-2191

Learn more at http://green-hill.org/lost_and_found_reports.

To help get in the holiday spirit, Greenhill is running a No Trick, All Treat adoption promotion. Until Tuesday, October 31, a select number of dogs and cats have reduced adoption fees to \$31 thanks to Kendall Subaru. Most of the animals in this promotion have been in the shelter for at least a month and are over 1-year-old. All dogs and cats are spayed/neutered, microchipped, and up to date on vaccines prior to adoption. Greenhill is open every day from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. To see all the pets part of this promotion, visit www.green-hill.org.

To learn more about Greenhill Humane Society or tips on keeping your pets safe this Halloween, visit www.green-hill.org.

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About Greenhill Humane Society

Greenhill Humane Society has been caring for animals in Lane County since 1944. It is a private, non-profit organization that relies on charitable donations. Greenhill is located at 88530 Green Hill Road in

Eugene. *We envision a world in which all animals are treated with compassion and respect.* In 2022, Greenhill sheltered and cared for 3,691 animals. Greenhill dogs, cats, and rabbits are spayed or neutered prior to adoption, receive recommended vaccinations, and are microchipped. To learn more visit www.green-hill.org and follow on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [TikTok](#).