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Remember Pet Safety During Halloween Activities!

County Animal Care Facility wants your pets to remain happy and safe in their homes

Sacramento, Calif. – The Sacramento County Animal Care Facility reminds pet owners to plan ahead for the coming Halloween holiday and keep dogs and cats safe in their own homes.

“We often see a surge in strays after Halloween when dogs escape yards from being frightened,” said Pat Claerbout, Animal Care Director. “By taking just a few minutes to plan ahead, your cats and dogs can stay happy, calm and safe in their homes and avoid an unpleasant trip to the shelter.”

Safety Tips:

Halloween is not necessarily fun for pets with crowds and doorbells and costumes and noise. They often bolt out of open doors and can become sick from ingesting candy.

Protect your pet by keeping it indoors, even if they normally are outdoor pets.

Make sure your pets are wearing their licenses – even if you’re “sure” they can’t get out.

Be especially careful about keeping black cats indoors on Halloween. Some people are superstitious about black cats and may try to scare or harm them.

Keep your pet in a separate room away from the door while you're greeting trick-or-treaters.

Dogs may feel that their territory is being invaded by the constant onslaught of visitors. Keeping your dog in a secluded area of the house will help it stay calm and prevent it from growling or possibly biting your visiting ghouls and goblins.

Keep candy out of your pet's reach because it can make your pet sick.

To learn more, visit the Sacramento County Animal Care website at www.saccountyshelter.net.

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