



## **TIPS TO MINIMIZE YOUR CAT ANXIETY AND KEEP HIM SAFE**

### **CANDIES**

Halloween is a time for Candies. Usually, cats are not interested in candies. But they are dangerous. Hard candies might get stuck in their throats if swallowed; chocolate is harmful as any candy that is sweetened with XYLITOL. **KEEP ALL CANDIES OUT OF THE REACH OF YOUR FELINE FRIEND!** Keep the Veterinarian phone # handy as well as the **POISON CONTROL CENTER # (888.426.4435).**

### **CANDLES AND DECORATIONS**

Cats and candles are never a good mix! Battery operated tealights are a safe alternative to real candles. Decorations that move, swing and are loud are very scary to cats, especially large stand-up decorations. Do not turn them on before putting your cat in a safe area. If they look or sound scary to us, they are **FRIGHTENING** to your cat.



### **TRICK OR TREAT**

Trick or treat is so much fun! Not so much for cats! A lot of cats are afraid of knocks, doorbells and strangers. The incessant knocking and ringing can be stressful for your cat. Put him in a room with the door closed, away from the front part of the house or apartment. Have an MP3 or TV playing some meditation type music to relax him and also muffle all the sounds. Give him some blankets or cat caves where he can hide and feel safe. It doesn't matter if he hides, let him feel safe, while you are having fun. If you don't have an additional room, a bathroom is very useful. This will help your cat's anxiety and will reduce the risk of your cat getting scared and darting out of the door when it is open and you are busy giving out candies.

### **COSTUME OR NOT COSTUME**



Costumes are lots of fun! Some cats don't mind being dressed up. Some don't do very well and get stressed out. Respect your cat! Don't force him to wear a costume. Also, be aware of your own costume and if you are wearing a face mask. Some cats will get anxious if their guardians wear a mask.

### **KEEP YOUR CAT INDOOR – VERY IMPORTANT**

If your cat enjoys time outdoor, Halloween night is not a good time to let him go out. Too many people out in the streets, strange and loud noises and too much activity. Your cat might get spooked or scared and instead of going back home, he will get lost or wander further away.

**BE CONSIDERATE OF YOUR FURRY FRIEND – HAVE A FUN AND SAFE HALLOWEEN!**

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