

The Paw Print



NO SCAREDY CATS (OR DOGS!) THIS HALLOWEEN: TOP 10 SAFETY TIPS



Attention, pet parents! The ASPCA would like to call your attention to some common-sense cautions that'll keep your pets safe and stress-free this time of year:

- No tricks, no treats: That bowlful of candy is for trick-or-treaters, not for Scruffy and Fluffy. Chocolate in all forms can be very dangerous for dogs and cats, and tin foil and cellophane candy wrappers can be hazardous if swallowed.

- Dress-up can be a big mess-up for some pets. Please don't put your dog or cat in costume unless you know he or she loves it (yup, some pets are real hams!). For companion animals who prefer wearing their "birthday suits," however, wearing a costume can cause undue stress.

- If you do dress up your pet, make sure that the costume isn't annoying or unsafe. It should not restrict the animal's movement or hearing, or impede his ability to breathe or bark. Keep a look out for small, dangling or easily chewed-off pieces on the costume that your pet could choke on.

- Popular Halloween plants such as pumpkins and decorative corn are considered to be relatively nontoxic, yet they can produce gastrointestinal upset should pets ingest them. Intestinal blockage could even occur if large pieces are consumed.



For our complete list of Halloween safety tips, visit ASPCA.org. And please remember, if you suspect that your pet has ingested a potentially dangerous substance—around Halloween or any time of year—please call your veterinarian of the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435.

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PETS EVACUATION AND TRANSPORTATION STANDARDS (PETS) ACT

This landmark legislation, which was strongly backed by The Humane Society of the United States, requires local and state disaster plans to include provisions for household pets and service animals in the event of a major disaster or emergency. When I was in the Gulf during Hurricane Katrina, I saw the government's failure to have a plan for helping animals. Tens of thousands of animals suffered terribly and were lost or left behind because our communities and responders didn't have a plan in place.

With more than 358 million pets in the United States residing in 63 percent of American households, the PETS Act will help ensure that Americans never again are faced with the horrifying choice of abandoning their pet and finding their way to safety, or staying with their pet and remaining in a hazardous, and potentially life-threatening situation.

Some states and local communities have already engaged in disaster preparedness for animals, and with a federal law now in place, the future for you and your companion animal in a disaster is much brighter.

Wayne Pacelle
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ANNOUNCING ASPCA PET HEALTH INSURANCE

As a responsible pet parent, you may have already felt the pain of rising veterinary costs—but that doesn't have to stop you from getting veterinary care for your pets when they need it. Pet health insurance can help cover these costs, so you won't have to face the tough choice of your pet's well-being or your personal finances.

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JAPANESE CAT VISITS USA

Eri Fujiwara, Ph. D. was sent to the Materials Science and Technology Division of ORNL by the Nagasaki University School of Dentistry to do research. Her husband, Masa, her three year old daughter, Sawa and her neutered male cat, Cham, came with her. Eri joined Energy Capital Toastmasters Club in order to perfect her English speaking skills. In her first speech, she told us about her work, her family, and her cat.

Prior to coming to the United States, Cham was required to have a rabies shot and a health check at a quarantine station in the airport to get export permission. The Fujiwara's connecting flight was cancelled so they had to take the next flight. Meanwhile, Cham was placed on a flight from Los Angeles to Knoxville. Cham arrived 13 hours before the Fujiwara family, and had to spend a lonely night in a cage at the Knoxville Airport. Returning Cham to Japan will be tough. 180 days before the trip, he has to have a microchip implanted, two series of rabies shots, and a rabies anti-body blood test at a Japanese government veterinary hospital in Kansas, USA. Two days before the trip he must have another health check. If all these requirements are not met he will have to stay at the airport for 180 days quarantine.

Despite the difficulties, the Fujiwara family has adjusted well. Eri and Masa play golf, Sawa goes to nursery school, and Cham enjoys having a larger louse to roam.

Although Eri is developing new biomaterials for dentistry, she is not a dentist. She said, "If you have a bad tooth, I can tell you which material should be used to fill it, but please don't ask me to fix it!"

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MY GRANDDOG CYRUS: KATRINA SURVIVOR

My granddog Cyrus, an adorable 9-year-old whippet, was living in New Orleans when Hurricane Katrina hit. At the time, Cyrus' owners were out of the country, and he was being cared for by a neighbor. When the neighbor rescued Cyrus from the flooded apartment and took him to higher ground, a kind stranger took them to temporary safety in a suburban New Orleans home. He was soon transported to Austin, TX, where he was placed in foster care through the efforts of a greyhound rescue group. While in foster care, he was also treated for a severe hurricane-related laceration on his leg.

Because Cyrus' owners were homeless upon their return from their trip abroad, and were staying with various friends and relatives who could not accommodate him, he stayed with the foster family in Austin for several months. When they were unable to continue fostering him, he was transported to North Carolina to live with my daughter and her spouse, whose sister and her spouse are Cyrus' original owners.

Cyrus is very happy in his new home. He gets to run, chase squirrels, meet other dogs, and play Frisbee in the nearby park. His leg is now healed, and when he was diagnosed with heartworm soon after arriving in North Carolina, he was successfully treated for that as well.

My daughter tells me that whenever he gets a new toy with a squeaker in it, the first thing he does is perform a "squeaker-ectomy" and bring his parents the remains of the toy to demonstrate his hunting prowess. When I visited Cyrus a few months ago, I gave him the stuffed "bone" shown here with the expectation he'd do his customary thing. Much to everyone's surprise, he has left this toy intact, and he loves it so much that he takes it everywhere he goes. Must be 'cause it's from his grandma (me). Yeah, that's it.

■ *Alice Feldman*

Animal Stories

Please send us your animal story. It should be about something, unusual, exciting or exceptionally loving about your animal. The stories need to be between 200 and 350 words. The editors of Paw Prints will select one story to be printed in each edition of Paw Prints.

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