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Fun and Facts

- Do you have an idea for our newsletter? Send it to beth-any@idahovethospital.com
- The holiday Halloween actually refers to All Hallows Eve which dates back about 2000 years
- Black cats were once thought to protect a witches powers
- The number one candy of choice on Halloween is Snickers
- Jack-O-Lanterns originated in Ireland when people would put candles in hollowed out turnips to scare away evil spirits on All Hallows Eve
- Last year each American ate 24.5 pounds of candy



BEWARE OF PARVO

We all know what happens when our pets stay current on their vaccines...they stay healthy. However, many people aren't very familiar with the effects of not keeping a pet current on its vaccines. Our pets can contract the sicknesses we vaccinate them against by licking an infected object, walking on infected ground and licking feet and sniffing infected ground. These aren't the only ways our pets can get sick, but they are the most common. Some viruses can live in the ground for up to 10 years!

There has been an increase in the number of Parvo cases in our area over the last few months and we want to make sure our clients are educated about the effects of disregarding vaccines. Parvo is probably the most common of these viruses and signs a pet may display when infected with Parvo include:

- ♦ Vomiting
- ♦ Diarrhea
- ♦ Excessive Thirst
- ♦ Anorexia
- ♦ Lethargy

Not only is Parvo a very fast acting virus, it is extremely contagious and can easily lead to death of a pet. It is very important to keep your pet current on its vaccines to ensure you can share many more good memories. If you have any questions regarding Parvo, let us know!



Halloween Help

Halloween is a fun holiday of bobbing for apples and tricking for treats, but it can be very stressful for our pets. Here are a few tips to make sure your pet doesn't have any problems on Halloween.

- ♦ It may be tempting to share some of our Halloween spoils with our pets, but it's never a good idea. Candy can be toxic to pets and cause vomiting, diarrhea, confusion, seizures and even death. Make sure all Halloween sweets stay out of our furry friends' paws.
- ♦ Pet's look very cute when all dressed up in costumes, but never leave a pet unattended in a costume. A pet might try to scratch, paw or bite the costume off and can get tangled up in parts of the costume and hurt themselves.
- ♦ If a pet seems stressed out, put them in a kennel or a confined room. The sound of the door bell constantly ringing and the scary costumes can sometimes frighten a pet. Putting them in a kennel may help them to feel more comfortable.

By taking a these few precautionary steps, you can make sure this Halloween is a safe and fun filled one! Let us know if you have any questions regarding Halloween care!

