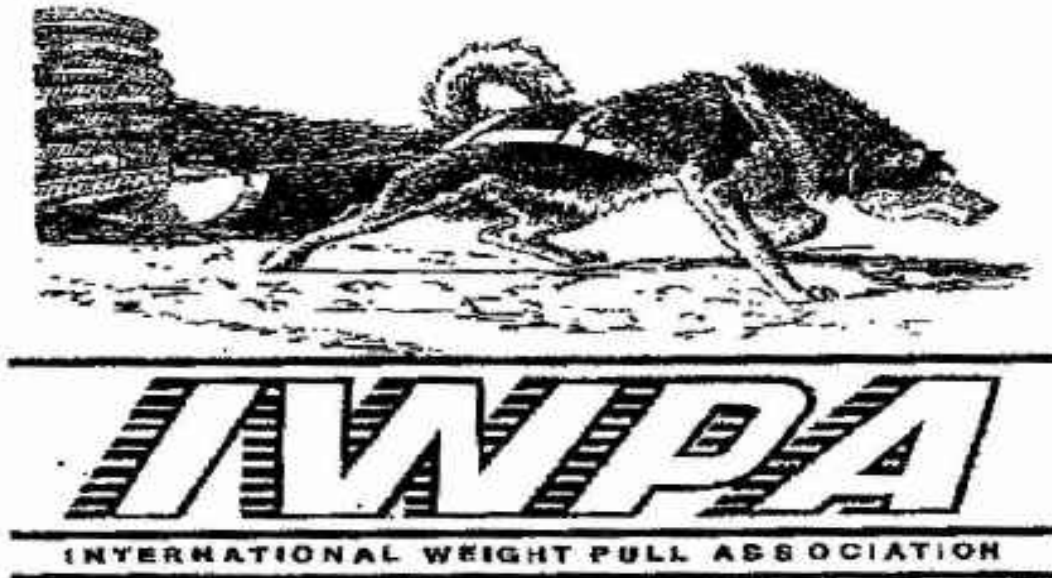


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Happy
Halloweenie!

A small, brown dog is depicted in a playful, jumping pose. It is wearing a purple witch hat with a white band and a small orange bell. The dog is positioned to the right of the text 'Happy Halloweenie!'.

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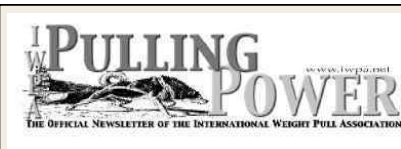
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Happy Halloween

FROM PRESIDENT
Terry Reed

We are now a month into the new season and as usual the season is off to a slow start.

Right now, that is a good thing. I want to request you have a little extra patience at the beginning of the season. Remember there are new people in many positions. I'm sure we all had gotten used to everything going like clockwork. Some of the previous chairpersons had been doing the job for many years and had it pretty much down pat. The new chairpersons are working diligently to learn the system.

That being said it recently came to my attention the Trisha Prater had waaaay too much on her plate and was working diligently to make it all work out. Somehow she managed to keep the sanctioning information up to date amongst the very full and erratic personal schedule. After finding this out I had a conversation with Trisha and lightened her load a bit. She is now assigned to a new position to research non or not for profit status for the IWPA. I have transferred sanctioning to Statistician Jean Wilson. These changes will be noted in the newsletter as well as the web site. Thank you Trisha for your dedication and hard work.

Thank you for your understanding.

Terry Reed

Together we can make a better *IWPA*.



FROM ELECTION CHAIR

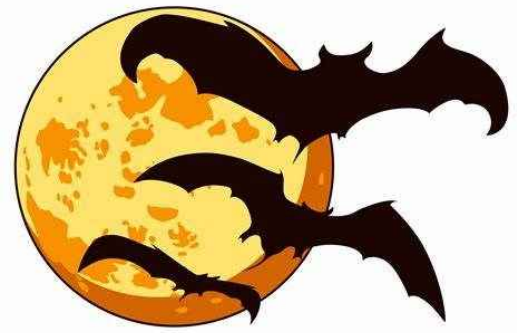
Diane Krupski

Hi everyone my name is Diane Krupski, from Region 6, IWPA 21-22 Election Chairperson. With that being said, this year there are 5 board positions open! Please consider running it really takes all of us from different regions to keep this great club what it is.

We need everyone's input and ideas. Any club member in good standing can run for the board. Just email me a short bio introducing your self and your intent to run for board position by November 15th. All bios will be published in the December newsletter. Elections take place in January 2022. Please consider running and have your ideas heard.

Send bio's/intent to run for IWPA board to dianekrupski13@gmail.com.

Thank You,
Diane



From the Bench of the Judges Chair

Terry Reed

The 2021-2022 *IWPA* pulling Season is underway. Judges if you have not reviewed the rule booklet and Judges Code of Ethics as a refresher, now would be a good time.

Remember you are in charge of the event. If it is something you expect from a handler it is definitely something you should adhere to.

One such issue I would like to address is the subject of food or treats. Section 5 C 15 in part says no food, treats, bait/baiting ... This means the handler can not have any type of food in the pull area.

Although it is not written in black and white it should be common sense that this also goes for the judge and other officials at the track.

Another big concern are dogs in front of the start line. This goes for dogs in the competition as well as spectators dogs. Most times if you ask them politely and explain why, they are cooperative .

Remember, as a judge you are the person in charge. Lead by example.

Terry Reed



CHANGE IN COMMITTEE CHAIR POSITIONS

Please take note that the committee chair position of **Sanctioning** has changed. As of this notice, any sanctioning submissions need to be submitted to Jean Wilson. Jean will now hold positions of Sanctioning and Statistician.

Thanks goes out to Trisha Porter for her unwavering commitment to take on the position of Sanctioning. She willingly agreed to accept this time consuming committee position even though her personal life was packed with responsibilities that only a few people could imagine! She fulfilled this position by having to learn a very complex computer program and did so eagerly.

Thanks again Trisha for your willingness to step forward and do your part to better the IWPA!!

Robbie Reed
Secretary

CURRENT JUDGES

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PULL CALENDAR



October 9, 2021

Fall Madness PM

Region: 6 Petosky, Michigan (420 N Ellsworth Rd)

Wheels : Sat 10/16/2021 Weigh-in: 9:00 AM -- 12:00 PM Pull Start: 1:00 PM

Fees: \$15/\$10

Contacts: Jean Wilson, 231-881-4094 [teamnewf@gmail.com]

Chief Judge: Jean Wilson, 231-881-4094 [teamnewf@gmail.com]

Prizes: TBD

Novice Info:

Comments: PM pull to start 1 hour after AM pull but not before 1 pm. There will be a potluck between pulls.

Sponsors Team Newf

Lodging:

Directions:

October 10, 2021

Fall Maddness AM

Region: 6 Petosky, Michigan (420 N Ellsworth Rd)

Wheels : Sun 10/17/2021 Weigh-in: 9:00 AM -- 10:00 AM Pull Start: 10:30 AM

Fees: \$15/\$10

Contacts: Jean Wilson, 231-881-4094 [teamnewf@gmail.com]

Chief Judge: Jean Wilson, 231-881-4094 [teamnewf@gmail.com]

Prizes: TBD

Novice Info:

Comments: PM pull to start 1 hour after AM pull. But not to start before 1pm. There will be a potluck between

Sponsors Team Newf

Lodging:

Directions:

October 16 - 17, 2021

Buttes Annual Mackenzie River Pizza Pull AM

Region: 3 Butte, Montana (3450 Monroe Ave)

Wheels : Sat 10/16/2021 Weigh-in: 9:00 AM -- 9:45 AM Pull Start: 10:00 AM

Fees: \$20.00

Contacts: Darwin Lumbattis, 406-491-5311

Chief Judge: Darwin Lumbattis, 406-491-5311

Prizes: TBD, Certificates and More

Novice Info:

Comments: Awards presented at 8 PM Saturday, Must be present for awards. At Mackenzie River Pizza Ashton Room

Sponsors Mackenzie River Pizza, Thriftway Stores, Rocky Mountain Working Dogs

Lodging:

Directions:

October 16 - 17, 2021

Buttes Annual Mackenzie River Pizza Pull PM

Region: 3 Butte, Montana (3450 Monroe Ave)

Wheels : Sat 10/16/2021 Weigh-in: 9:00 AM -- 9:45 AM Pull Start: 12:00 PM

Fees: \$20.00

Contacts: Darwin Lumbattis, 406-491-5311

Chief Judge: Darwin Lumbattis, 406-491-5311

Prizes: TBD Certificates and More

Novice Info:

Comments: Awards will be presented Saturday night at 8 pm. Must be present to win. At Mackenzie River

Sponsors Mackenzie River Pizza, Thriftway Stores and Rocky Mountain Working Dogs

Lodging:

Directions:

October 17, 2021

Butte Annual Mackenzie River Pizza Pull

Region: 3 Butte, Montana (3450 Monroe Ave)

Wheels : Sun 10/17/2021 Weigh-in: 8:30 AM -- 8:45 AM Pull Start: 9:00 AM

Fees: 20.00

Contacts: Darwin Lumbattis, 406-491-5311

Chief Judge: Darwin Lumbattis, 406-491-5311
Prizes: TBD, Certificates and More
Novice Info:
Comments:
Sponsors Mackenzie River Pizza, Thriftway Stores, Rocky Mountain working dogs
Lodging:
Directions:

October 17, 2021

October in Baxter

Region: 7 Baxter, Tennessee (1196 Bloomington Rd)
Wheels : Sun 10/17/2021 Weigh-in: 10:00 AM -- 11:00 AM Pull Start: 11:00 AM
Fees: 15.00 Member 20.00 Provisional
Contacts: Sheryl Franklin, 610-792-4597 [sheryl@sheryl.org]
Chief Judge: Sheryl Franklin, 610-792-4597 [sheryl@sheryl.org]
Prizes: TBD
Novice Info:
Comments: Novice class after pro classes, no bathroom facilities onsite, we will be following COVID-19 Best Practices for IWPA
Sponsors
Lodging: Motel 6, I-40 exit 287 (913-528-1040), Red Roof Inn, I-40 exit 287 (913-528-2020)
Directions: Exit 280 on I-40, North on Rt 56, after 1st light ,1 mile to 4 way flashing light, go straight, ~2 miles to 4 way flashing light, go straight, ~2 miles to Rt 291, turn right, 1 mile to pull site on the right

October 23 - 24, 2021

Wenatchee Dog Show Pull

Region: 2 Cashmere, Washington (5700 Wescott Dr)
Wheels : Sat 10/23/2021 Weigh-in: 11:00 AM -- 12:00 PM Pull Start: 12:00 PM
Wheels : Sun 10/24/2021 Weigh-in: 11:00 AM -- 12:00 PM Pull Start: 12:00 PM
Fees: 5.00 For fun pull / 15.00 for sanctioned pull
Contacts: Trisha Porter, 509-941-8819 [sweetliheafila@gmail.com]
Chief Judge: Trisha Porter, 509-941-8819 [sweetliheafila@gmail.com]
Prizes: Ribbons and TBD
Novice Info:
Comments: Weight pull to start at noon. Fun pull to start at 10 before the pull ,those who are in the novice pull are welcome to join us for the sanctioned pull. If they would like to try again after the pull we are happy to help out after as well, But please let someone know!
Sponsors Trisha and Joey Prater
Lodging: Please contact the Wenatchee Kennel club for info on campsites in the area to camp at.
Directions:

October 23 - 24, 2021

Jackass Flats Pull

Region: 7 Gates, North Carolina (440 Reynoldson Rd)
Wheels : Sat 10/23/2021 Weigh-in: 9:00 AM -- 9:30 AM Pull Start: 9:30 AM
Wheels : Sun 10/24/2021 Weigh-in: 9:00 AM -- 9:30 AM Pull Start: 9:30 AM
Fees: 10.00
Contacts: Debbie Lee, 757-353-2607 [Dreamweaver1@wildblue.net]
Chief Judge: Debbie Lee, 757-353-2607 [Dreamweaver1@wildblue.net]
Prizes: Trophies for MWP, Percentage, Certificates for all classes
Novice Info:
Comments:
Sponsors Harnesses by Carol, MAWP, Tidewater Block
Lodging:
Directions:

October 30 - 31, 2021

20th Annual J&T Feeds Benefit Dog Pull

Region: 9 Evans, Colorado (3456 11th Ave)
Wheels : Sat 10/30/2021 Weigh-in: 8:30 AM -- 9:30 AM Pull Start: 10:00 AM
Wheels : Sun 10/31/2021 Weigh-in: -- Pull Start:
Fees: \$20.00
Contacts: Terence Reed, 970-371-7111 [Reedtr9@comcast.net]
Chief Judge: Robbie Reed, 970-371-5603 [Reedtr9@comcast.net]
Prizes: Rosettes 1-3, Best Daily Percentage, best overall
Novice Info:
Comments: Percentage prizes will be awarded in 3 weight class divisions (10,20,40) (60,80,100) (125,150,Unlimited) We will help try out new dogs if time allows after Saturdays event
Sponsors J&T Feeds, Awards and Etc., Evans Moose Lodge, Royal Kennels



Lodging:
Directions:

November 6, 2021

Back on the Track Again AM

Region: 6 Grand Rapids, Michigan (4480 Hendershot NW)
Wheels : Sat 11/6/2021 Weigh-in: 8:30 AM -- 9:30 AM Pull Start: 10:00 AM
Fees: 15/10
Contacts: Carol Gerke, 616-272-1631 [Nordicacres@aol.com]
Chief Judge: Randolph Gerke, 616-272-1631 [Nordicacres@aol.com]
Prizes: TBD
Novice Info:
Comments: Second pull to start 1 hour after the first pull is completed but not before 1 pm.
Sponsors
Lodging:
Directions:

November 6, 2021

Back on the Track Again PM

Region: 6 Grand Rapids, Michigan (4480 Hendershot NW)
Wheels : Sat 11/6/2021 Weigh-in: 8:30 AM -- 11:30 AM Pull Start: 1:00 PM
Fees: 15/10
Contacts: Carol Gerke, 616-272-1631 [Nordicacres@aol.com]
Chief Judge: Randolph Gerke, 616-272-1631 [Nordicacres@aol.com]
Prizes: TBD
Novice Info:
Comments: Pm pull to start one hour after the AM pull but not before 1 pm.
Sponsors
Lodging:
Directions:

November 25, 2021

Thanksgiving at the Farm

Region: 7 Woodbury, Tennessee (2044 Hurricane Creek Rd)
Wheels : Thu 11/25/2021 Weigh-in: 9:00 AM -- 10:00 AM Pull Start: 10:00 AM
Fees: 15.00 Pro 5.00 novice
Contacts: Melissa Kehler, 615-464-4481 [Alaskandreammals@gmail.com]
Chief Judge: Melissa Kehler, 615-464-4481 [Alaskandreammals@gmail.com]
Prizes: 1-3 Rosettes MWP-BBP TBD
Novice Info:
Comments: Cash Only. Novice class will be after sanctioned pull. There will be harnesses to barrow.
Sponsors The Working K9
Lodging:
Directions: Use only TN-53 or TN-96 for directions . Do not use Wilson Hallow Rd

January 2, 2022

Sea Goat Pull #1

Region: 7 Knoxville, Tennessee (9023 Oak Ridge Highway)
Wheels : Sun 1/2/2022 Weigh-in: 8:30 AM -- 9:30 AM Pull Start: 10:00 AM
Fees: 15.00
Contacts: Joe Crowder, 865-382-7072 [joecrowder11@aol.com]
Chief Judge: Joe Crowder, 865-382-7072 [joecrowder11@aol.com]
Prizes: Ribbons, Rosettes, MWP, MWA
Novice Info:
Comments: This is part of an AM PM pull.
Sponsors East Tn Weight Pull Club
Lodging:
Directions:

January 2, 2022

Sea Goat Pull #2

Region: 7 Knoxville, (9023 Oak Ridge Highway)
Wheels : Sun 1/2/2022 Weigh-in: 8:30 AM -- 9:30 AM Pull Start: 1:00 PM
Fees: 15.00
Contacts: Joe Crowder, 865-382-7072 [joecrowder11@aol.com]
Chief Judge: Joe Crowder, 865-382-7072 [joecrowder11@aol.com]
Prizes: Ribbons, Rosettes, MWP, MWA

Novice Info:
Comments: This is a PM pull to follow the AM pull. Times may change
Sponsors East TN Weight Pull Club
Lodging:
Directions:

February 6, 2022

Age of Aquarius Pull #1

Region: 7 Knoxville, Tennessee (9026 Oak Ridge Highway)
Wheels : Sun 2/6/2022 Weigh-in: 8:30 AM -- 9:30 AM Pull Start: 10:00 AM
Fees: 15.00
Contacts: Joe Crowder, 865-382-7072 [joecrowder11@aol.com]
Chief Judge: Joe Crowder, 865-382-7072 [joecrowder11@aol.com]
Prizes: Ribbons, Rosettes, MWP, MWA
Novice Info:
Comments: This is an AM PM pull
Sponsors East TN Weight Pull Club
Lodging:
Directions:

February 6, 2022

Age of Aquarius Pull #2

Region: 7 Knoxville, (9023 Oak Ridge Highway)
Wheels : Sun 2/6/2022 Weigh-in: 8:30 AM -- 9:30 AM Pull Start: 1:00 PM
Fees: 15.00
Contacts: Joe Crowder, 865-382-7072 [joecrowder11@aol.com]
Chief Judge: Joe Crowder, 865-382-7072 [joecrowder11@aol.com]
Prizes: Ribbons, Rosettes, MWP, MWA
Novice Info:
Comments: This is a PM pull, so will be after the Am pull is completed. Times can change.
Sponsors East TN Weight Pull Club
Lodging:
Directions:

March 13, 2022

Ides of March #1

Region: 7 Knoxville, (9023 Oak Ridge Highway)
Wheels : Sun 3/13/2022 Weigh-in: 8:30 AM -- 9:30 AM Pull Start: 10:00 AM
Fees: 15.00
Contacts: Joe Crowder, 865-382-7072 [joecrowder11@aol.com]
Chief Judge: Joe Crowder, 865-382-7072 [joecrowder11@aol.com]
Prizes: Ribbons, Rosettes, MWP, MWA
Novice Info:
Comments: This is an AM and PM pull.
Sponsors East Tn Weight Pull Club
Lodging:
Directions:

March 13, 2022

Ides of March #2

Region: 7 Knoxville, Tennessee (9023 Oak Ridge Highway)
Wheels : Sun 3/13/2022 Weigh-in: 8:30 AM -- 9:30 AM Pull Start: 1:00 PM
Fees: 15.00
Contacts: Joe Crowder, 865-382-7072 [joecrowder11@aol.com]
Chief Judge: Joe Crowder, 865-382-7072 [joecrowder11@aol.com]
Prizes: Ribbons, Rosettes, MWP, MWA
Novice Info:
Comments: This is an Afternoon Pull that will start after the Am pull so times could change.
Sponsors East TN Weight Pull Club
Lodging:
Directions:

**INTERNATIONAL WEIGHT PULL ASSOCIATION
WEIGHT PULL SANCTIONING APPLICATION**

(ALL BLANKS MUST BE FILLED IN)

Sanctioned Pull ___ Other (Novice, Fun, Etc.) ___ Wheels ___ or Snow ___
Pull will be run – Class by Class ___ or Concurrent ___ or Combined Classes ___
Title of Event: _____
Street Address of Event _____
City and State/Prov. Of Event _____ Zip/Postal Code _____ Region _____
Organizer (person responsible for event) _____
Organizer Address _____ Phone (____) _____
City and State/Prov. _____ Zip/Postal Code _____
Date of Event _____ Weigh in Time _____ Start Time _____ Entry Fee _____
Purse/Prizes _____
Date of Event _____ Weigh in Time _____ Start Time _____ Entry Fee _____
Purse/Prizes _____
Sponsor _____
Name of required I.W.P.A. member _____ Phone (____) _____
Name of Chief Judge _____ Phone (____) _____
Additional Information _____

If you would like to receive the Sanctioning Packet electronically put an 'X' in this box.
Please included your email address: _____



Send application plus fees to sanctioning director:

**Jean Wilson
420 N. Ellsworth Rd
Petoskey, MI 49770
(231)881-4094
E-Mail: teamnewf@gmail.com**

\$35.00 Per Sanctioned Pull (U.S. Funds Only)

\$25.00 Per Other Pull (U.S. Funds Only) (NSF Check fee will be cost incurred or a minimum of \$25.00)

This application can not be processed without the signature of the organizer regarding the reading and understanding of the Sanctioning Rules printed on the reverse.

Signature of Pull Organizer _____ Date _____

For the use of the Sanctioning Director

Date this application received _____ Date and amount of Sanctioning Fees received _____
Date Sanctioning approved/rejected _____ Date information sent to Newsletter _____
Date notice of approval and sanctioning packet or rejection (must include explanation of rejection) sent to
Organizer _____ Date Sanctioning fees sent to treasurer _____ Date postmarked _____

INTERNATIONAL WEIGHT PULL ASSOCIATION WEIGHT PULL STANDING RULES ON SANCTIONING

In order for your pull to be sanctioned and to count for points.

Any organization who wishes to put on a pull approved by the I.W.P.A. shall require the organizer or any of the officials to have an I.W.P.A. membership and use I.W.P.A. weight pull rules which include having an I.W.P.A. certified and approved judge.

A sanctioning application must be filled out by the organizer and delivered into the hands of the I.W.P.A. sanctioning director no later than the 15th of the month preceding the month in which the event is to take place, provided the event is scheduled between the 15th through the end of any given month. Pulls scheduled from the 1st through the 14th of any month must be received no later than the 15th of the month two months prior to the weight pull event. For example, an event scheduled for December 7th must be received no later than October 15th, an event scheduled for December 28th must be received no later than November 15th. No exceptions to this rule will be made!! It is the organizer's responsibility to ascertain if this application has been received by the Sanctioning Director.

Newsletter pull calendar information is taken from the sanctioning application; therefore, ALL questions must be answered. It may be considered false advertising for any organizer to falsify or fail to follow the information provided on the sanctioning request. False advertising will be grounds for placing the organizer on probationary sanctioning status.

The following list of information from your weight pull must be sent to the **Sanctioning Director** with a **postmark no later than 7 days** after the last day of your pull:

1. Weight Pull finish report
2. Organizer's report
3. Financial report with ALL monies due the IWPA for the \$5.00 per dog fee. For pulls held in Canada \$5.00 are payable in U.S. funds only. (Motion6/07)
4. All regular and provisional membership monies received at your pull with completed membership forms must be sent to the **Membership Director** with a **postmark no later than 7 days** after the last day of your pull. New members are to be given the membership receipt included in your packet as proof of membership until their card is sent to them.
5. Send **Judge's Reports and Handlers Meeting Registration** to the **Judge Chairperson**
(The penalty for failure to meet the 7 day postmark requirement will result in a fine of not less than \$20.00 and \$5.00 per day for each day after 6 days that the pull results are not postmarked. Failure to pay a fine may result in loss of sanctioning and/or points). Exception—Organizers of pulls held the last two weeks of the season are required to submit finish reports to the sanctioning director and E-MAIL (06/18) or OVERNIGHT their finish report, finance report, and organizer report to the statistician within one working day. (5/98)

Any grievances by an organizer or judge should be in writing, postmarked no later than 72 hours after the end of the weight pull event, and sent to the Sanctioning Director who will present the written grievance(s) to the I.W.P.A. Board of Directors within two weeks of the receipt of the grievance, for deliberation.

Sanctioning applications that do not include the sanctioning fees will not be accepted. Exception-When E-MAILING application a copy of the check/money order for sanctioning fees must be E-MAILED with the application. The original application and check/money order for sanctioning fees must be postmarked within one working day of the E-MAIL. The original application and payment for sanctioning fees must be received by the sanctioning director no less than one week prior to the event or the sanctioning may be canceled.

Organizers of events which have had sanctioning suspended after the pull will be required to mail a reimbursement to all entrants of the \$5.00 per dog fee. This reimbursement must be mailed within 72 hours of the receipt of written notice by the Sanctioning Director of suspended sanctioning. (Failure to reimburse funds when sanctioning has been suspended may mean loss of future sanctioning of event by the organizer)

The Board of Directors may not make a decision on sanctioning a pull but will make a decision regarding any grievance filed in regard to sanctioning.

If the Sanctioning on a pull is refused or the sanctioning is withdrawn from a pull, the sanctioning director will notify the organizer in writing within 2 days. A phone call or E-MAIL is a courtesy but the "in writing" is a requirement.

Cancellations of a pull will be accepted with no penalty as long as there is ample time to report the cancellation in the newsletter with the same deadlines as for sanctioning a pull. If these deadlines are not met, the organizer shall (at their own expense) send out postcards to all members to notify them of the cancellation. If this is not one, an organizer **will** be subject to loss of sanctioning fees. (06/17) There will be no provisions for "Rain Dates". I have read and understand the above rules regarding sanctioning.

Signature of Organizer _____ Date _____

Halloween Safety Tips for Dogs

Adapted from aspca.org by Sheryl Franklin



Halloween can be the spookiest night of the year but keeping your pets safe doesn't have to be tricky. The ASPCA recommends taking these simple, common-sense precautions to keep your pet happy and healthy all the way to November 1.

Stash the Treats

The candy bowl is for trick-or-treaters, not your dog. Several popular Halloween treats are toxic to pets. Chocolate in all forms—especially dark or baking chocolate—can be very dangerous for cats and dogs, and sugar-free candies containing the sugar substitute **xylitol** can cause serious problems in pets. *If you suspect your pet has ingested something toxic, please call your veterinarian or the [ASPCA Poison Control Center](http://aspca.org) at (888) 426-4435 immediately.*

Watch the Decorations and Keep Wires Out of Reach

While a carved jack-o-lantern certainly is festive, pets can easily knock over a lit pumpkin and start a fire. Curious puppies or kittens are especially at risk of getting burned or singed by candle flame. Popular Halloween plants such as pumpkins and decorative corn are considered relatively nontoxic but can produce stomach discomfort in pets who nibble on them.

Be Careful with Costumes

For some pets, wearing a costume may cause undue stress. The ASPCA recommends that you don't put your dog or cat in a costume unless you know he or she loves it. If you do dress up your pet for Halloween, make sure the costume does not limit his or her movement, sight or ability to breathe, bark or meow. Check the costume carefully for small, dangling or easily chewed-off pieces that could present a choking hazard. Ill-fitting outfits can get twisted on external objects or your pet, leading to injury.

Be sure to have your pet try on the costume before the big night. If he or she seems distressed or shows abnormal behavior, consider letting your pet wear his or her "birthday suit" or don a festive bandana instead.

Keep Pets Calm and Easily Identifiable

Halloween brings a flurry of activity with visitors arriving at the door, and too many strangers can often be scary and stressful for pets. All but the most social dogs and cats should be kept in a separate room away from the front door during peak trick-or-treating hours. While opening the door for guests, be sure that your dog or cat doesn't dart outside. And always make sure your pet is wearing proper identification—if for any reason he or she does escape, a collar with ID tags and/or a microchip can be a lifesaver for a lost pet.



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