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General Membership Meeting

October 21—6:30—9 PM at CPLC

See Flyer at back of Newsette for details

VHOC Holiday Party will be on December 3rd at Nancy Giltner's Home.

More details to follow—

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



REMINDER

Remember to check the website

<http://www.vhoc.org>

for announcements, cancelled classes,
upcoming events and other important club information.

If you know of a member who would appreciate receiving correspondence, such as a get-well card, sympathy card, etc., please email our Corresponding Secretary, Carole Hills, at
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Debbie Lang at

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Submission deadline is the 8th of each month

This is YOUR Newsette...make it great!

VHOC TOP DOG TEAM 2016

The SCDOC Top Dog Competition for 2016 will be held at Rancho Tapo Park at 3700 Avenida Simi in Simi Valley on Saturday, November 12, 2016. We'd love to see some club members out there to cheer us on and share a fun day of competition obedience with us and all the other SCDOC Southern California Clubs!

We are pleased to share our Top Dog Team for 2016!

Novice

Patti Rovtar & Pippi (Rottweiler)

Serena Marshall & Wynt (Border Collie)

Kathy Spilos and Lia (German Shepherd Dog) (alternate)

Open

Paddy Warner & Kippy (Australian Shepherd)

Joyce Davis & Caper (Golden Retriever)

Serena Marshall & Tru (Shetland Sheepdog)
(alternate)

Utility

Sharon Clarke & Flynn (Standard Schnauzer)

Laurie Burnam & Scusi (Australian Shepherd)

Sarah Sykes & Brio (Golden Retriever) (alternate)



TOP DOG 2016

CLEAR is asking you to join us and be a part of our 4th Annual Fundraiser as we go bowling to Strike Out Canine Cancer, on Nov. 6th. This year we are moving our event to Hollywood, California, and the World Famous Lucky Strike Live. Lucky Strike Live's one-of-a-kind blend of edgy steampunk aesthetic, cutting edge lights & sound, gastropub cuisine, and beautifully modern lane design has turned it into a bustling magnet for Hollywood's hippest (and craziest) crowd and we want you to join us, as we Strike Out Canine Cancer!

This year a portion of the proceeds will go to support research at Cornell University, where researchers are finding better ways to test new drugs to find a cure for canine lymphoma.



Tickets and information can be found on the CLEAR webpage at www.clearcaninecancer.com

And if you can't join us how about creating your own virtual bowl-a-thin team and invite friends and family to donate to your cause, creating a greater awareness of canine lymphoma!

Go to www.clearcaninecancer.com for more info!
See ya there with your bowling shoes on!





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7 THINGS YOU SHOULD NEVER APOLOGISE FOR

- Saying how much you love your dog
 - Always putting your dog first
- Allowing your dog on your furniture
 - Referring to yourself as a parent
- Having dog toys all over your house
 - Staying in with your dog rather than going out
 - Calling your dog family

What to do during a Dog Fight

By Jennifer Coates, DVM



This article is taken from:

[http://www.petmd.com/dog/what-do-during-dog-fight?](http://www.petmd.com/dog/what-do-during-dog-fight?utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=SocialMedia&utm_campaign=petMD_WhattoDoDuringaDogFight_06222016)

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Most dogs want to socialize with members of their own species, otherwise they are living through a form of solitary confinement. Sure, dogs love human companionship, but every now and then they just want to hang out with someone who speaks their own (body) language.

But allowing dogs to get together isn't without risk. Canine miscommunication, running into the "wrong" dog, and plain old bad luck may all lead to a dog fight. Knowing what to do before, during, and after dog fight is the best way to minimize injuries.

Prevention is the Best Defense

Of course preventing a dog fight is a far better option than dealing with it once it has begun. While you can't control how other owners handle their dogs, you are in charge of your own dog's training and management.

1. Keep an eye on the situation.

When your dog is interacting with or simply in the vicinity of other dogs, pay attention to the group dynamic. Now is not the time to get so engrossed in your phone, book, or conversation that you don't notice when tensions are starting to rise. Normal, happy dog play often involves a lot of growling and wrestling so it can be difficult to determine when a problem is developing.

Signs to watch out for that indicate a dog fight could be imminent include:

- Raised *hackles*
- A stiff tail or body posture
- A deeper, more guttural tone to growling or barking
- Snarling that shows a lot of teeth
- Snapping
- A dog who is trying to get away but is not being allowed to do so

2. Practice basic obedience.

If you start to see signs of stress in your dog or other dogs in the group, call your dog to your side and reward him for coming. Tell him to sit and stay until he and the overall situation appear more relaxed. Work on obedience training on a regular basis, and always praise and reward good behavior. Your goal is to have complete confidence that no matter what is going on around him, your dog will immediately obey your command.

What to do during a Dog Fight - Continued

3. Know your dog's weaknesses and triggers.

Some dogs are well behaved under most circumstances but have certain triggers that bring out the worst in them. For example, your dog might love to play with her housemate but can get aggressive when she feels her food is in danger of being taken away. The safest way to deal with situations like these is to avoid them. These two dogs should never be in the same area when food or treats are available.

When a Dog Fight Happens Anyway

If despite your best efforts at prevention your dog does get into fight, keep in mind that your primary objective is to prevent significant injuries... to the dogs and to the people who are involved.

1. Don't panic.

Many so-called dog fights are really just spats that consist of a lot of noise and posturing but which are over within seconds. If the dogs quickly separate on their own, approach your dog quietly and calmly, attach your leash, and leave the area.

2. Distract the dogs.

Is there a bowl or bucket of water or, better yet, a hose nearby? Thoroughly dousing the dogs, preferably in the face, will often get their minds off of fighting. Citronella or pepper spray can also be used. Some owners carry canisters with them for occasions just like this, but be aware that they can be quite irritating to innocent bystanders who are downwind. Loud noises will also sometimes work. Try honking a nearby car horn, blowing an air horn if one is available, banging on metal trash cans, etc.

3. Physically separate the dogs.

If the dogs can't be distracted, try to find something you can put in between them. A board, large *branch*, cane, umbrella (quickly open it to startle the dogs), piece of plywood, chair, blanket, throw rug, welcome mat, thick winter coat... anything that is on hand and sturdy enough to prevent the dogs from biting one another (or you) could work. As a last resort, you can try grabbing your dog's thighs, lifting him into a wheelbarrow position, and pulling him backwards, but this does involve some risk that you might be bitten. **Never** reach for your dog's collar or head as this is the surest way to get injured during a dog fight.

After the Fight: Check Your Dog for Injuries

Once the fight is over you still need to be very careful around the dogs. They will be agitated and possibly scared and in pain, all of which increases the risk that they will bite. If your dog has obvious wounds, take him to the veterinarian immediately. Most bite wounds heal well when they are treated appropriately, but they almost invariably become infected when treatment is delayed. Even if your dog seems to be fine after the fight, keep a close eye on him. Some injuries may not become apparent for a few days.

Thursday VHOC Agility

We had an awesome time at CPLC and VHOC's Thursday evening class. Quite the course Anne Graumann setup for us. Both the early and late classes enjoyed the challenges. Our new dogwalk and teeter are great, love the traction the dogs get.



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Pancreatitis in Dogs: Symptoms and Treatments

Taken from Pets WebMD <http://pets.webmd.com/dog-pancreatitis-symptoms-and-treatment>

When your family dog doesn't want to eat and is throwing up, you hope it's a passing thing. Many times, it is -- but it could be a condition called pancreatitis. If so, he'll need treatment. The condition happens when the pancreas becomes inflamed. That's an organ near the stomach that helps digest food and control blood sugar.

Pancreatitis can come on all at once and then pass, or it can stay for longer periods.

Symptoms

Often, a dog:

- Loses appetite
- Vomits
- Has belly pain

Other symptoms are:

- A fever or low body temperature
- Diarrhea
- No energy
- A hard time breathing
- Dehydration
- Irregular heartbeat

If your dog has some of these problems for more than a day, or if these symptoms keep coming back, take him to the vet. It could be pancreatitis, or it could be something else. Either way, you should get it checked out.

Your vet might make a diagnosis based on symptoms alone. Usually, though, she'll need to do blood tests or an ultrasound, which uses sound waves to make an image of what's going on inside the body.

Causes

Experts aren't sure what causes the pancreas irritation, but some breeds, especially schnauzers, are more prone to it. Older dogs and ones who are overweight are also more likely to get it.

Sometimes, the condition comes on as a side effect to a drug, or after surgery. Often, a fatty meal, like bacon grease or table scraps, triggers it.

Dogs usually recover from mild cases, but if it's severe, it can sometimes lead to death. If your dog is overweight or has diabetes or epilepsy, he may have a harder time getting over an attack.

Treatment

If your vet can figure out what caused the pancreatitis, he'll try to deal with that first. For instance, if it was a reaction to a drug, he may take him off it. If it's related to diet, he may put him on prescription food.

Sometimes it's hard to tell what causes it, and there's no clear treatment to fight it. The focus instead becomes keeping the dog as comfortable as possible until the attack passes.

Pancreatitis in Dogs: Symptoms and Treatments - Continued

For the first 24 hours, vets often recommend no [food](#), water, or medications by mouth. That gives the pancreas a rest. If your dog has a severe case, he may need to be in the hospital to get IV fluids.

When he gets home, you'll need to give him lots of water to make sure he doesn't get dehydrated. He may need medication for pain, too. He may also get drugs to help ease nausea and vomiting.

When your dog starts eating again, make sure it's a low-fat diet. Look for [food](#) that's easy to digest. Talk it over with your vet, but it's probably a good idea to stick with this diet for several months, and possibly for life.

Prevention

Watch your dog's diet. Make sure he doesn't have too much high-fat food.

Don't cave to his puppy-dog eyes, even on special occasions. Your dog doesn't need to eat human food. Keep your garbage secure. Vets report more cases of pancreatitis during the holidays, when people are eating more fatty foods and so are their pets.

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Fat Trimmings and Bones

Fat trimmed from meat, both cooked and uncooked, can cause pancreatitis in dogs. And, even though it seems natural to give a dog a bone, she can choke on it. Bones can also splinter and block or cause cuts in your dog's digestive system.

RAFFLE RAFFLE RAFFLE

VHOC RAFFLE DONATIONS NEEDED!!!!

We are currently collecting donations for our raffle that will be held at our obedience and agility trial in December.

The raffle helps to offset the costs of the trial.

WHAT MAKES A SUITABLE/DESIRABLE RAFFLE DONATION?

Dog items & people items.

Gift certificates/cards for shops, amusement parks or services.

Items to add to our raffle baskets and items that can be raffled on their own. You can also put together a basket of your own to donate. We also need CASH to purchase the larger raffle items.

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Please contact me if you leave an item at the training site or would like to make alternate arrangements.

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We can not make it happen without our membership generous donations.

Cindi

Raffle Chairperson



RAFFLE

VHOC "C" MATCH

Valley Hills Obedience Club Sanctioned "C" Match

🐾 Day before VHOC Trial 🐾 Same location 🐾

Friday, December 9 🍪 Woodley Park, Van Nuys

Entries 10:30am-12:00pm

Utility judging starts at 11:00am

Open, Novice & Rally judging start at 11:30

Novice ~ Open ~ Utility ~ Groups ~ Rally

1st class: \$6 🐾 Additional (same dog): \$4

Lunch: \$6

(Sandwiches, salad,
chips, cookie & drink)



For info, contact:



**Shiro Torquato
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Woodley Park December 9, 2016

Brag

Sharon Clarke and Flynn

I have a big brag!

On Sunday, September 11, 2016 Flynn and I attended the Santa Maria/San Luis Bay German Shepherd Dog Club Obedience Trial held in Santa Maria.

Flynn scored 198 in Utility B taking 1st place and he scored 197.5 in Open B earning 4th place. As a result of his combined scores he had High Combined Score for the trial.

He also earned his UDX title today!

Wow what a big day for us!

Respectfully submitted by his proud mom,

Sharon A. Clarke



Scott Friedman and Odie—September 25, 2016, So Cal Collie Club Agility Trial, Camarillo, CA:

It was over 100 when Odie ran her course, she qualified for her 2nd Open Standard lag with a 100 and 1st place.

Laurie Burnam and Scusi—October 8, 2016, Golden State Rottweiler Club, AKC Agility Camarillo, CA:

Time 2 Beat 9 point Q 2nd place

Excellent JWW 100 1st Place 2nd Q

Novice Fast 100 1st Place 3rd Q **NF Title**

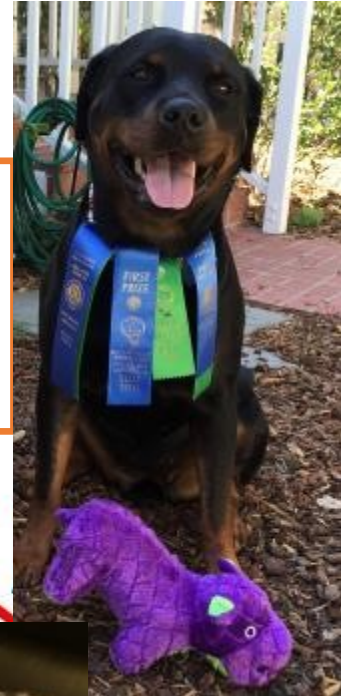
Braggs

Gwen Fiorito and Jada

AKC GCH CH and CKC CH Neu-Rodes Most Valuable Player, RN CI CGCA

"Jada" got her **Rally Excellent Title**.

She had 3 back to back 1st Place wins.



Jane Nye and Gabe— September 24-25, 2016 Southern California Collie Club, Camarillo, CA:

Gabe the corgi conquered his fear of the teeter to get his **Novice Agility Preferred (NAP) title**.

And then we moved up to Open Standard—and Gabe got his first Q in Open!

Thank you to Debbie Lang and Larry Ribbeck for helping a newbie through the complexities of an Agility Trial!



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Braggs

Laurie Burnam and Scusi—Sept 13 to 16, 2016, ASCA National Specialty, Albany, Oregon:

ASCA Obedience Finalist, (top 10 accumulative scores from across country and Europe are invited).

Open ODX (Obedience Dog Excellent) 3rd place

Team Obedience 1st place (dressed as the characters from The Wizard of Oz)

ASCA Nationals Rally Excellent 60 entered 192 Q giving us points towards the Rally Trial Championship

ASCA Nationals Agility

Open Regular round 1 10 Q 3rd place

Open Regular round 2 10 Q 3rd place

Open Jumpers round 1 10 Q 4th place **JS-O-SP title #45** (Jumpers Standard Open Superior Performance) 10 Q's beyond original title

Conformation evaluation for MVA (Most Versatile Aussie) 72.5 (scores from 63 to 89)

Although grueling being entered in 15 classes in rings or arenas in 4 days, we managed to qualify in 9 events, with just a few simple mistakes on the others. The sheep were way too flighty for us, as with many others and the ducks I made a dumb error causing us to NQ by just a few points, thus not qualifying for the MVA award. I was very disappointed but thrilled that I have a dog who can even try. 6:30 Thursday morning walked the first agility course, then went and walked rally excellent course, then ran rally, then ran sheep run, immediately going into the open obedience run, then back to agility to run the first course, then awards for rally and obedience, then later in the day walked and ran the second agility course. Oh my that was CRAZY.



3rd Place Open ODX
Obedience Finalist



All our loot from the week. Agility gave leashes to placements as did team obedience. Obedience finals gave photo frame as well as ribbons, win photo to arrive in a few weeks. Bucket was the welcome packet with goodies inside. Quilt hand made by Debbie Lang, what talent and a fun travel partner. Dog is Miss Scusi still ready to do more.

Debbie Lang and Panda

Aug 13, 2016 WCASC, Torrance, CA – Rally Novice Q – 199 – 2nd place

Sept 11 2016, Rouge Valley ASC, Albany, Oregon – Rally Novice Q – 197 with more than 40 in her class.

Sept 14, 2016, ASCA Nationals Rally, Albany, Oregon – Rally Novice Q – 197

Panda finished her Rally Novice Excellent Title at Aussie Nationals, she was shown 3 times in Novice Rally and qualified with scores over 195 each time. **ASCA RNX Title**

Sept 13, 2016 – PASA agility Pre-trial

Panda qualified in both Novice Jumpers runs placing 2nd and 4th and earned her **ASCA JS-N title**. She also qualified in a Novice Gamblers run placing 5th. **She was 6th out of 31 dogs entered in the Novice Standard class at the PASA pre-trial.**

Sept 16, 2016- ASCA Nationals – qualifying run in Novice Regular, placing 7th

Panda did an amazing job for a 19 month old puppy, I couldn't be prouder of her.

BRAGS

**Debbie Lang and Quila**

Aug 13, 2016 WCASC, Torrance, CA – Rally Excellent Q – 185 – 3rd place

Sept 11 2016, Rouge Valley ASC, Albany, Oregon – Rally Excellent Q – 195

Sept 15, 2016, ASCA Nationals Rally, Albany, Oregon – Rally Excellent Q – 186

Quila finished her ASCA **Rally Excellent title** at Aussie Nationals, she was shown 3 times in the Excellent class and qualified each time.

Sept 13, 2016 – PASA agility Pre-trial, Albany, Oregon

Quila was only entered in Gamblers and earned a qualifying score.

Sept 14 – 16, ASCA Nationals, Albany, Oregon.

Quila had an amazing time, even with a knocked bar in Regular Rd1 and my falling in Regular Rd 2 she still qualified in each round. Quila also qualified in both of her Jumpers Rd1 and Rd2 runs. She qualified in 4 out of the 5 runs she ran at Aussie Nationals.

In Veterans agility she was 15th out of 89 dogs entered at ASCA Nationals

Not bad for a 10 year old.



Braggs

Allison Pobirs and Ladd—9-24-16, SLODOG UKC Obedience Trial, CA:

Obedience Trial 1 - Utility B 1st leg, 1st place ****HIT****

Obedience Trial 2 - Utility B 2nd Leg, 1st Place

09/24/16 WCBC UKC Conformation show

Show 1 - Group 2

Show 2 - Group 2



UKC Utility Exercises

Signal and Heeling

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Brags

Judith Lewis Mernit and Thomas and Tabitha—October 1-2, 2016, Bonanza Kennel Club, Carson City, Nevada

Thomas and Tabitha and I had a great time at the Bonanza Kennel Club's show up in Carson City, Nevada.

Thomas got his 6th UDX leg on Sunday, and the day before earned his first OTCH point with a second place in Utility.



Laurie Burnam and Scusi—October 1/2 2016, Simi Valley Kennel Club, AKC Agility Camarillo, CA:

Open Standard 100 1st place 3rd Q **Title OA**
 Excellent JWW 100 1st Place 1st Q
 Novice Fast 100 1st Place 2nd Q

Kathy Spilos and Caelia—

The end of September found Kathy Spilos and Caelia braving triple digits to finish their **Rally Excellent title**, and come within one leg of their Companion Dog title at their German Shepherd Dog Club of the San Gabriel Valley's Obedience and Rally trials.

Kathy says it was fun to finally open up their specialty to all of our all breed friends!



Braggs

Robyn Zelden and Lux—Oct 10, 2016, NACSW NW1 Nosework Trial, Heritage Junction Museum, Newhall, CA:

Lux earned her NW1 title



USCSS is the US Canine Scent Sports - <http://new.uscaninescentsports.com/about/>
NACSW is the National Association of Canine Scent Work—<http://www.nacsw.net/home>

Ellen Zuckerman and Sandy—Sept 10-11, 2016 USSCS Novice Nosework Trial, at Action Dog Sports, Moorpark, CA:

Sandy earned 2nd place in both Vehicle searches and 3rd place in Exterior and Interior searches. She qualified in Exterior, Interior, Vehicles, and Heap O'Hides searches.



Ellen Zuckerman and Sandy—Oct. 10-11, 2016, NACSW NW1 Nosework Trial, Heritage Junction Museum, Newhall, CA:

Sandy earned her NW1 title

Brags

Carla Reisenauer and Noelani—*September 24-25, 2016, German Shepherd Dog Club of San Gabriel Valley, Claremont, CA:*

Noelani earned her **Rally Advanced Title**.

She won 1st place on Saturday and tied for first on Sunday, but lost the ribbon based on time. Very proud of this girl!!!



Photo October 9th, 2016



Debbie Lang and Quila—*Sept 24-25, 2016, Southern California Collie Club Agility Trial, Camarillo, CA:*

Double Q placing 4th in both 16" Preferred JWW and STD

10 Pt T2B-P Q

1st place Premier JWW Q

Debbie Lang and Quila—*October 8-9, 2016, Golden State Rottweiler Club Agility Trial, Camarillo, CA:*

10-8—1st Place Master FAST

10-9—10 Pt T2B-P Q and **Time 2 Beat Preferred Title**

10-9—1st Place Premier JWW (16" Pref)

10-9 1st Place Premier STD (16" Pref)

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to find a cure for canine lymphoma.**



October

General Membership Meeting*

Date—Time: Friday October 21st 6:30 PM to 9 PM

Location: CPLC—VHOC Training Field—7357 Jordan Ave, Canoga Park

VHOC will provide the KFC as a main course. Please bring a side to share.

RSVP to Debbie Lang—djlang@sbcglobal.net

We will be having our Halloween costume contest -

There were some great costumes last year, come out and enjoy the fun.



N, A, X-#4

There will be a Rally course set up, so we can get some practice in before Pasanita.

We will be having a barrels and hoops course, this is great for all dogs. Low impact and fun to run, all levels welcome, and great for those that haven't done any agility yet.



We might even see some of our members out practicing for **TOP DOG**. We have a great team to represent our club at the **TOP DOG** completion on November 12, at Tapo Park in Simi Valley.

*** This meeting is for VHOC members and invited guests**

taken from SCDOC Events Calendar

October 22 & 23 [Hidden Valley OC](#) All Breed Obedience & Rally Trials
HVOC Facility, Escondido, CA.
For more info Scotty Maloney at smaloney@san.rr.com or hvoc.org

October 30 [Pasanita Obedience Club](#) All Breed Obedience & Rally Trial
Brookside Park, Pasadena, CA. For more info pasanita.com
Event secretary Sharon Licciardi

November 5 - San Gabriel Valley and November 6—KC Antelope Valley KC
All Breed Show & Obedience All Breed Show, Obedience & Rally Trial
Industry Hills Expo Center, City of Industry, CA
For more info Jack Bradshaw (this is not a SCDOC event)

November 12 TOP DOG RANCHO TAPO PARK SIMI VALLEY* TOP DOG

December 9 (Friday) Shoreline Dog Fanciers Assoc
All Breed Show, Obedience & Rally Trial Orange County Fairgrounds, Costa Mesa, CA.
For more info go to Onofrio.com (this is not a SCDOC event)

December 10 & 11 [Valley Hills OC](#) All Breed Show Obedience & Rally Trials
Woodley Park, Van Nuys, CA. For more info vhoc.org
Event secretary Sharon Licciardi



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FIRST CLASS MAIL

General Membership Meeting

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More details to follow—

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Have a safe and fun Halloween



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 Scruffy or Fluffy. 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 artificial sweetener 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://www.aspcapoissoncontrol.com) 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 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.