



Southeast Area Animal Control Authority
9777 Seaaca Street
Downey, Calif. 90241
seaaca.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Capt. Aaron Reyes
562.803.3301x223 562.824.3291 mobile

10/26/2009

Trick or Treat - Tricky for Some Pets

SEAACA OFFERS SOME HALLOWEEN TIPS

Downey, CA...Halloween is a time for ghost and goblins – costumes and candy. Although the treats can be sweet, the tricks can sometimes sour the spirit of this holiday. That is why the Southeast Area Animal Control Authority (SEAACA) announced today they'll temporarily suspend the adoption of black cats beginning Thursday, October 29th, resuming on Tuesday, November 3rd.

"Anyone interested in adopting a black cat during this period may place their name on the animal's impound card and pick him/her up after Halloween," says Aaron Reyes, Director of Operations for SEAACA.

Although cats can become victims of cruelty and abuse at any time of the year, the likelihood of black cats being used for pranks, party props or in cult rituals increases during this time of the year. "It is better to keep them out of harm's way by waiting a few more days before letting them go to their new home," Reyes said.

These are a few Halloween tips that may keep your pet safer and happier during this holiday season.

- 1) Only take your pet trick or treating if he/she behaves well with others, particularly around kids in costume. Leave them safely at home if you have any doubts about how they might react to the holiday spirit and all that goes along with it.
- 2) When securing your pets indoors, leave the television or radio on to help alleviate stress, and always leave fresh water available

for them. Be careful when answering the door to trick or treaters if your dog is loose in the house.

- 3) Do not give your pets candy. Chocolate cannot be digested by dogs and cats.
- 4) Pets do not understand or appreciate costumes like kids do. Only dress them up if they truly are not bothered by it.
- 5) Please have your pet micro-chipped so that it can be reunited with its family should it become lost. SEAACA charges \$25.00 for to microchip your pet.

Anyone wishing to get more information on holiday tips for their animals, or to report animal cruelty, is encouraged to call SEAACA at (562) 803-3301 or visit www.seaaca.org.

