NO TRICKS, NO TREATS…
PROTECTING YOUR PETS FROM DANGEROUS HALLOWEEN CANDIES

Sugar-Free Candy (*Xylitol*)

Symptoms:
- Lethargy/Collapse
- Vomiting
- Seizures
- **Hypoglycemia** (low blood sugar)
- **Liver** damage/**failure**

➤ *Xylitol* is a sugar substitute found in: gum, mints & other candies.
➤ Ingestion of even a small amount can cause a severe & life-threatening drop in blood sugar, which occurs in a matter of minutes.

Candy *with* Wrappers

➤ Pets may ingest paper, plastic, or even foil candy wrappers.
➤ If enough candies are ingested, the wrappers can cause intestinal obstruction.
➤ If severe, surgical intervention may be required.

Symptoms:
- Vomiting
- Bowel perforation
- **Intestinal obstruction**
- GI tract irritation
- Difficulty eliminating

Chocolate-Covered *Raisins*

Symptoms:
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Decreased appetite
- Lethargy
- Abdominal pain
- **Severe kidney failure**

➤ This candy is *double-trouble*, as both chocolate & raisins are toxic to pets.
➤ Very small amounts of raisins & grapes can cause kidney failure.
➤ In general, the darker or more bitter the chocolate (which contains *theobromine*) is, the more poisonous it is.
o Symptoms can range from gastrointestinal to neurological disturbances.

Hard Candies & Lollipops

➤ Hard candy becomes slippery when mixed with saliva, which can result in pets inhaling the whole candy into their trachea (windpipe).
➤ Hard candy also has the potential of breaking into smaller, jagged, and harmful pieces.
➤ A stick from a lollipop could become a choking hazard; or get stuck in the throat or intestine.

Symptoms:
- **Choking** hazard
- Tracheal abrasion
- Intestinal **blockage**

High *Sugar* & *Fat* Candies

Symptoms:
- Severe gas & diarrhea
- Decreased appetite
- Abdominal pain (**pancreatitis**)
- Vomiting
- Weakness/Lethargy

➤ Large ingestions of sugary, high-fat candy (*ex*: candy corn) can lead to pancreatitis in pets.
➤ Nuts have a high fat & oil content, which can upset digestion.
o Macadamia nuts are specifically highly toxic to dogs.