

Halloween Pet Costumes

Drs. Foster & Smith Educational Staff

How to get your dog to **LOVE** his costume!

With a properly trained dog, and dog-loving neighbors, you can take your dog trick-or-treating with his new Halloween pet costume.

Some dogs love getting the attention that a halloween costume brings, but other dogs just don't like being laughed at. How do you get these dogs to like the costume? Here are some tips or [view our How to Video](#):



- Don't put the costume on right away and expect your dog to go along with it. A few weeks before you expect him to wear the costume, use [treat](#) training to get him motivated.
- Drape the costume over his back for a few seconds, and then give him a little treat. Do this for a few seconds several times, then daily, longer each time, treating and praising all the while.
- Put the costume on loosely, and follow the above instructions, for a few seconds, then a few minutes, with praise and treats galore.
- Enlist the help of a friend. Let the friend give treats when the dog is in costume and when the costume comes off, the friend (and treats) go away.
- Soon your dog will be glad when he sees the costume being taken out for him.

Now your dog should be ready to cooperate whether at a party, getting pictures taken, or "Woof-or-Treating"!