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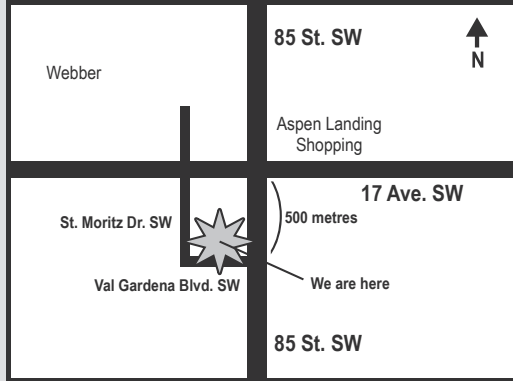
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## Halloween hazards! Keeping your pet safe

Happy October!

It's hard to believe but Halloween is just around the corner! Soon the streets will be flooded with little ghouls and goblins looking to fill bags full of sweet treats. Halloween is a great opportunity to meet your neighbours, admire some creative costumes and, of course, enjoy the occasional mini chocolate bar!

While Halloween is a fun time for people, it can be a scary time for pets! The strange visitors, ringing doorbell and unusual costumes may cause stress or even frighten a family pet. Just as families must take safety precautions to ensure a safe and happy Halloween for children, pet owners should be mindful of safety during the festivities. To make sure Halloween is fun for the whole family, Calgary Humane Society wants to remind you of a few safety tips for your pets!

1. Keep candy out of reach of pets! Chocolate, artificial sweeteners and certain types of nuts are toxic to animals.
2. Set up a safe space! Setting up a room with your pet's favorite items in a quiet area of the house will help to block out some of the stressful aspects of the holiday.
3. Leave Fido at home. Including the family pet on trick or treating may seem like fun, but strange costumes and fast moving children could cause your pooch a lot of stress.
4. Put a sign on the door asking trick or treaters to knock, especially if your pet reacts to the doorbell!
5. Be cautious with your costume, especially if your pet is easily frightened. Consider setting your pet up in a safe space before getting changed into your festive duds.
6. If your pet is dressing up, choose a costume that does not restrict your pet's airway or movement. Keep dress-up sessions short and watch for signs that your pet is becoming annoyed with their costume. Most pets do not like costumes so if you must dress up your pet, consider snapping a few photos and removing the costume right away.

7. Do not allow your cats to roam. A popular myth is that cats can fall victim to foul play on Halloween. While we have not seen that occur in Calgary, roaming cats can fall victim to the increased traffic or may become lost if they are frightened by all the little ghouls and goblins collecting candy.
8. Looking for more tools to help a stressed out pet at Halloween? Contact our FREE behaviour helpline at 403-723-6019 to speak to one of our behaviour consultants about different products and strategies that may work for your pet.

From all of us at Calgary Humane Society, have a safe and happy Halloween!

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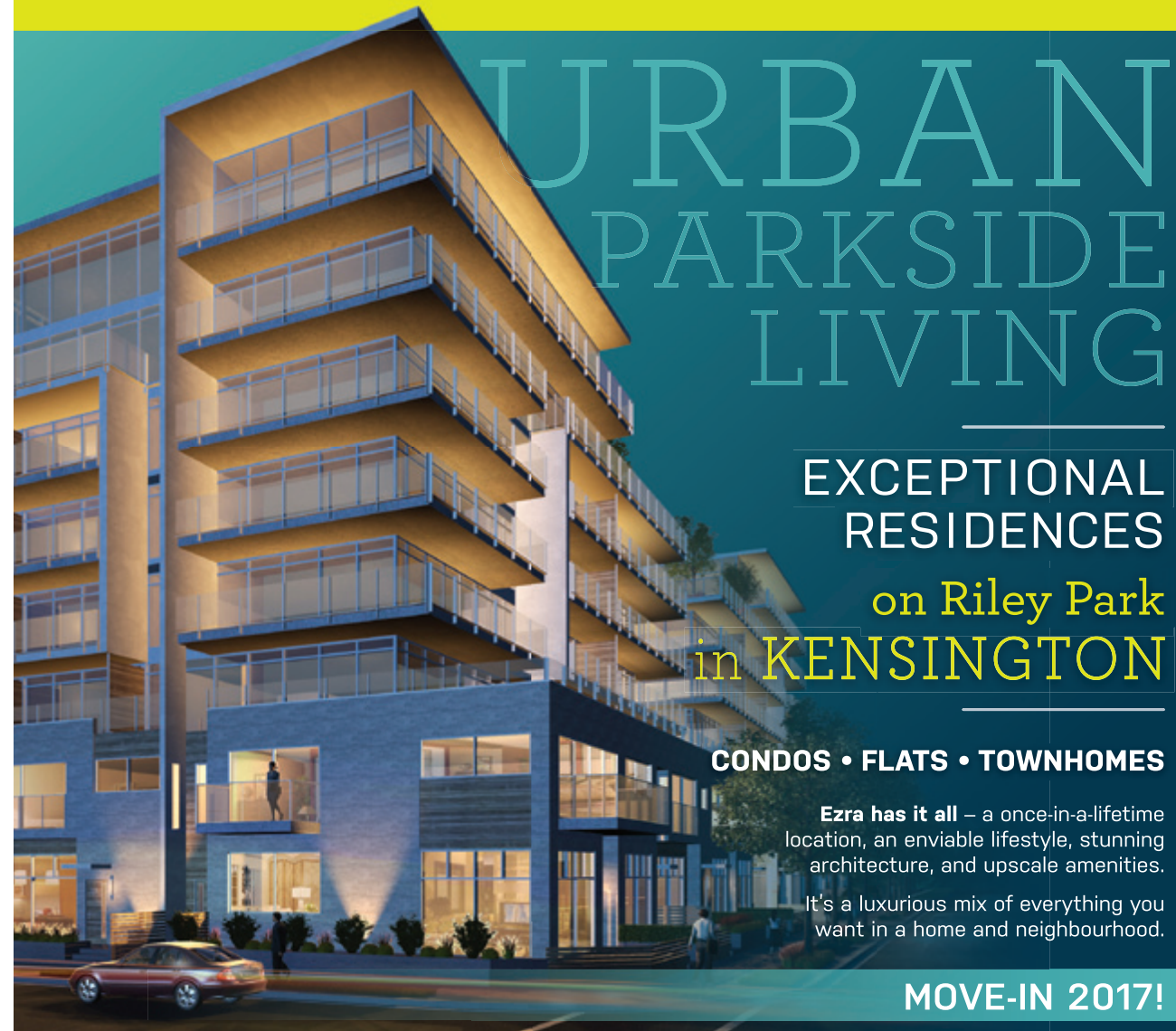
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# Protect Yourself, Immunize Your Pet

Jennifer L. Scott, D.V.M.



In some provinces and states, vaccination of household pets for rabies is mandatory or required by the law. This is not the case in Alberta. There have been eight recent positive rabies cases in bats turned in to Alberta Agriculture and Food to be tested; six in August alone. Locations include Edmonton, Red Deer, Medicine Hat, Airdrie, Canmore/Kananaskis, Ponoka, Camrose and Waterton. In a few of the cases, pets were involved and are now undergoing 45 day and 3 month quarantine periods, and Alberta Health Services deals with the human involvement. In April, 2010, a neutered unvaccinated pet cat died of unknown neurological disease in a veterinary clinic in Cremona. The veterinarian submitted the animal for testing and eight people subsequently received post-exposure treatment for rabies. This cat spent more time indoors with his family than outdoors. In 2007, a man bitten by a bat in Alberta died of rabies.

Cat bylaws in cities that require people to keep cats confined have caused complacency in the general public. Owners who fail to vaccinate, and the increase in carriers such as raccoons, skunks, foxes, coyotes, and bats in urban areas heighten the risk of rabies in cats. I have

had bats turned in to my clinic after owners found them in their house, likely having flown through an open patio door. A bat positive for rabies was discovered in Calgary's downtown area a few years ago.... bats fly, they can reach apartments. There are over 55,000 human deaths attributed to rabies each year, mainly in Africa and Asia.

Rabies is a contagious and fatal viral disease attacking the central nervous system. It can be passed to all warm-blooded animals through the saliva, primarily through bites, but a scratch is sufficient. Symptoms of rabies can be variable ranging from the "dumb" form where the animal appears depressed and isolates itself and the "furious" form associated with aggressive behaviour. Any abnormal behaviour should be considered suspicious. An animal's voice will frequently change as the vocal cords become paralyzed and seizures may occur. Rabies can only be diagnosed with certainty by testing an animal's brain tissue. Cats and dogs usually die within ten days of symptoms appearing. Symptoms may not begin, however, for days or months depending on the severity and location of the wound.

Rabies is a reportable disease; it is the law to inform authorities of suspected cases. People bitten by wildlife or any animal with an unknown vaccine status should report the bite by calling Health Link. If there is potential human exposure to the animal suspect, euthanasia may be recommended so the brain tissue can be tested. There is no treatment available to pets that contract rabies.

Consider vaccination of a pet as an investment into your health as well as your pet's. The decision to vaccinate your pet is yours to make in Alberta, but I do not know a health professional who would discourage the choice to vaccinate your pet against rabies.

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Jack-o'-lanterns originated in Ireland where people placed candles in hollowed-out turnips to keep away spirits and ghosts on the Samhain holiday.



**HOME GARDENING WITH BARBARA**



**ALBERTA BEES**  
 Barbara Shorrock

If I hadn't gone to hear Lyndon Penner speak and bought his latest book *Native Plants for the Short Season Yard*, I wouldn't have learned about the Helen Schuler Nature Centre. Because I had read about it I jumped at the chance to drive down to Lethbridge with a friend one day and visit the centre to see its rooftop garden planted with native grasses and flowers. (Actually we were on a mission to source Spudnuts but that's a different story.) We did indeed see the native garden, and it is wonderful, definitely worth the drive. But even better was the display on the main level. This display changes several times a year, at the time of our visit featuring Alberta's native bees. It was fascinating.

Everyone is familiar with *Bombus* the bumblebee, first to appear in the spring, and *Apis mellifera* the honeybee, so necessary for crop pollination, not to mention honey production. Gardeners know about the leaf-cutter bee and some have built boxes for mason bees to keep them in the neighbourhood. There are actually over 800 species of native bees in Canada; our scientists have identified more than 30 species native to Alberta, some of which look so much like flies that you need to look very closely to tell the difference. There are orchard bees and mining bees, sweat bees, carpenter bees and plasterer bees, to name just a few. Some sting, most don't. Most collect nectar and pollen, some are predators. Some, like the early-to-rise bumblebee and many of the smaller native guys, are out and about at the crack of dawn before the honeybee wakes up, and are more cold tolerant, foraging on cool cloudy days while the honeybee waits for the sun. Some bumblebee

species are solitary, while others live in colonies, typically in holes underground. Usually, only the queen survives our harsh winter; the workers die off. Many native bees rely upon the nectar from only a few species of plants – you can imagine what happens when those plants are eradicated for commercial development or monoculture (think vast expanses of neatly trimmed grass – totally useless to a bee). Yes, some of them have stingers, but if you behave calmly when working in your garden in the company of bees, there is rarely a problem (unlike wasps, who are constantly in search of trouble and have a more aggressive nature). If you care about the environment and would like to create a bee (and butterfly, incidentally) friendly garden, consider adding some native plants to your space. The list is very long indeed, including asters, blue flax, columbine, bee balm, clematis, honeysuckle, Jacob's ladder and on and on. No doubt you already have some of these in your perennial beds, whether native or hybrid species. Watch what is attracting bees from spring to fall – when you have identified the successful attractors, plant more. The other part of the equation is pesticides – the lack of them. A chemical that will kill a caterpillar or moth will kill a bee. Simple as that. A bee friendly garden is a pesticide free garden.

Seventy percent (70%) of all flowering plants need bees to pollinate so they can reproduce. The Department of Agriculture tells us that one-third of the human diet comes from insect-pollinated plants. Have you ever stood under a tree in bloom in the spring, and thought the whole tree was buzzing? Right. The pollinators are hard at work. Bees are hugely important to our society.

*Barbara Shorrock is a member of the Queensland Garden Club, which meets monthly on the first Wednesday at the Queensland Community Centre. All are welcome; it doesn't matter where you live.*

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“While modern anti-lock braking system, electronic traction, and stability control technologies all provide added grip and handling regardless of the drive wheels, the driving dynamics of each vehicle are unique,” says Jacob Black, senior editor at autoTRADER.ca. He explains the pros and cons of each type in easy-to-follow language:

**Front-wheel drive.** FWD is the most common configuration in modern passenger vehicles. They’re less expensive to produce and offer a more efficient use of space since there’s no driveline routed through the cabin. With the engine usually located in the front of the vehicle, this setup also offers good traction from a standstill in snow and slush.

**Rear-wheel drive.** RWD is most often found on pickups and performance-focused sports cars or sedans. Pickups benefit from it when carrying a heavy load in the bed or towing. RWD in a performance car allows for more ideal handling dynamics and balanced weight distribution.

But it can also provide less traction in slippery conditions and tends to oversteer when applying power during cornering, which some find unpredictable and unnerving.

**All-wheel drive.** Just as the name states, AWD systems are capable of delivering power to all four wheels, many of which are now able to divert additional traction from front-to-back or side-to-side, depending on conditions. Offering well-balanced driving dynamics and traction over a variety of road conditions, AWD also tends to suffer from higher fuel consumption due to the added weight and components.

The verdict. While all-wheel drive generally offers the best grip, it has a few shortcomings and can create a false sense of security. While there are theories about the optimal drive, a lot depends on the vehicle and its intended application. In many cases, having good tires is more important than which wheels the power is coming from. Remember that no matter what you choose, in the end it’s less about what you drive than how you drive.

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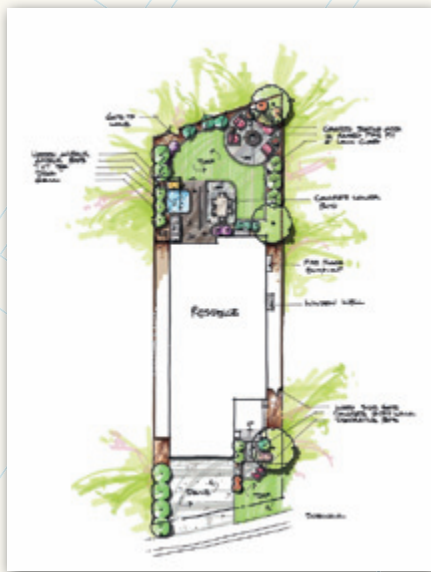


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MLS Real Estate Sale Price Stats

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
September 2016	\$797,500.00	\$762,500.00
August 2016	\$752,650.50	\$689,000.00
July 2016	\$1,188,000.00	\$1,079,000.00
June 2016	\$1,085,000.00	\$1,050,000.00
May 2016	\$1,149,900.00	\$1,100,000.00
April 2016	\$1,295,000.00	\$1,225,000.00
March 2016	\$944,450.00	\$877,500.00
February 2016	\$972,000.00	\$944,500.00
January 2016	\$0.00	\$0.00
December 2015	\$1,299,900.00	\$1,285,000.00
November 2015	\$349,000.00	\$305,000.00
October 2015	\$699,000.00	\$685,000.00

Last 12 Months Elbow Valley  
MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Stats

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
September 2016	6	2
August 2016	5	2
July 2016	8	5
June 2016	8	5
May 2016	15	9
April 2016	5	5
March 2016	7	2
February 2016	23	2
January 2016	7	0
December 2015	4	3
November 2015	4	1
October 2015	5	3

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