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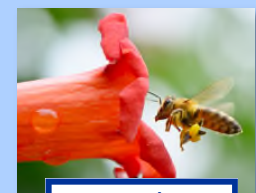
The Buzz About Bees

How extensive is your knowledge of bees? Here are some fascinating things that we know about our busy little flying friends.

How many types of bees are there?

There are more than 20,000 known bee species on Earth, with 4,000 that are native to the United States. Some of the more well-known types of bees that we see in the U.S.:

- **Western Honeybees** were imported to North America from Europe in the 1600's to pollinate crops. They rarely live in wild colonies in the U.S. but can be found in artificial hives maintained by beekeepers.



Honeybee

- **Bumblebees** are larger than honeybees but smaller than carpenter bees. There are 49 species of

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bumblebees that are native to the U.S. They tend to form small colonies and many species of bumblebees are in decline.

- **Carpenter Bees**, while excellent pollinators, are also seen as pests because the females drill holes in wooden structures to lay their eggs. (Unlike honeybees, carpenter bees do not have a queen and do not live in hives.) Adding to their reputations as pests, carpenter bees will sometimes “steal” nectar from small flowers without providing a natural benefit.
- **Mason Bees** are most active in spring and can be recognized by the metallic colors on their bodies and wings as well as their fast flight and agility. They use mud to close their nest cavities, which is where they got their name.
- **Leafcutters** use leaves to close their nest cavities and have very large heads with huge jaws that help them to cut the leaves to seal their nests.
- **Blueberry Bees** look like a small carpenter bee or bumblebee and their bodies make them a perfect fit for the bell-shaped flowers of the blueberry plant, though blueberry bees also pollinate other plants as well.
- **Squash Bees** get their name because they pollinate plants in the family that includes squash, zucchini and pumpkins. Unlike most other bees, they fly from pre-dawn until mid-morning and again near dusk when the flowers of squash and melon plants are open.
- **Sweat Bees** range in color from black to metallic blues and greens with copper and blue overtones and

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Hello, Burlington here.

Well, my family and I sure had a scary event recently!

Mom and Dad have been slowly making some improvements to our new house since we moved in. The most recent change was in the kitchen and involved the hiring of a contractor, whose two employees spent a few days working at our house.



Jersey and I were nervous at first because of the strange noises and smells, but Mom put us in the back bedroom each day while the work was being done, and she came in several times to

play with us and to take Jersey out when she had to go potty.

On the last day, after the light had faded from the windows and we began to hear the sound of crickets outside, Mom opened the bedroom door and announced excitedly, “The strangers have gone. Come on out and have supper!”

We made our way to the kitchen, sniffing the whole way. Indeed, the strangers were nowhere in sight, even though their scents were still all over the place, just as they had been at the end of each day they were there. Dad was sweeping the kitchen floor and pointing out to us everything that had been changed.

“See the new backsplash? What do you think of these countertops? How about that new wall oven?”

Of course, none of that mattered to us, but Dad seemed happy about it.

Mom stood at a brand new counter in the middle of the kitchen and opened a new drawer for a spoon. When she turned and opened the cabinet next to the refrigerator, I was relieved to see

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that it still housed all the cans and packages of our food and treats. She opened two cans and scooped food into our bowls. She set them on the floor next to the laundry room door and we proceeded to sniff the food.

To be specific, Jersey proceeded to inhale her food in a way similar to the way Dad’s wet vac inhales sawdust while I sniffed my food. What can I say? It’s how we roll.

While I sat with my neck stretched and my nose hovering over my bowl, my gaze happened to be drawn into the laundry room and fell onto the door that leads out to the garage.

It was open.

It appeared to be closed at a quick glance, but sure enough, I could see a sliver of light around the edge of the door and I could smell outside air.

My curiosity piqued, I tiptoed into the laundry room and inched closer to the garage door.

Dad sometimes lets me go out into the garage with him while he works on a project or fixes something, but that doesn’t happen at those times when the scent of outside is so strong. He describes those times as “when the big door is open”, whatever that means. Gauging by the smells wafting by my nose, the “big door” was apparently “open”.

I nudged the door just a bit and poked my head between the door and the frame. The overhead lights were on and there was a breeze. One whole wall seemed to be missing! Beyond where it should have been was the car, parked on a cement slab that had grass on either side. I’d seen that view from the living room window, and of course I see it from my carrier whenever we go to the vet or Mom takes me to work with her. But that was the first time I’d seen it up close, while not viewing it from behind a protective barrier like the window or the door to my carrier.

The breeze was somehow . . . different . . . when not coming through a screen. I recalled my “screen meetings” that I used

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Squirty's Words From The Rainbow Bridge



In memory of Squirty, a longtime friend of Paws and Claws Society who passed away on Mother's Day 2011 at the age of 16½, Burlington Reports added a new section to remember pets who have passed or to learn more about our animal family members. Ask Squirty a question or share your pet memorial story on our web site (hover over "Newsletter" on our menu). Let Squirty answer your questions or meet your pet(s) at the Rainbow Bridge and escort them to Pet Heaven.

Question: How much water should my cat drink each day?

Answer: This is an important question. Cats are not always the best at remaining hydrated due to a low thirst drive. (Some speculate that this is because our oldest ancestors lived in the desert, according to recent DNA studies that have unequivocally determined that today's housecats arose from the African wildcat, which is a fascinating topic all on its own.)

Regardless of the reason, many cat people struggle to get their cats to drink enough water.

A useful tool to determine a guideline for how much water your cat needs in a day is the Cat Water Intake Calculator (see the Paws and Claws Society web site for the link). First, you enter your cat's weight, and then the amount of dry food and the amount of wet food that your cat eats each day, along with the moisture content percentage. (There is information below the calculator that explains where to find the moisture content for your cat's food.) At the bottom of the calculator, the amount of water your cat should drink is displayed. (It displays in milliliters, but there is a handy link on the Paws and Claws Society site, below the link to the Cat Water Intake Calculator, to convert milliliters to ounces.)

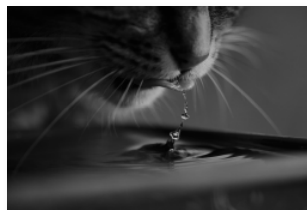
The Cat Water Intake Calculator is of course only to be used as a guideline, as there are many variables that affect the amount of water an individual cat actually requires.

Water intake is important to your cat's overall health in a number of ways. It is essential in body temperature regulation, brain function, kidney function and removing waste from the body, and the delivery of

nutrients and oxygen in the body. Dehydration causes a cat's urine to be more concentrated in an attempt to conserve the water in the body, and this is a risk factor for bladder stones and idiopathic cystitis.

Symptoms of dehydration can be easy to miss or misinterpret in cats, but include tacky/sticky gums, loss of skin elasticity when performing a skin pinch test (skin does not spring back into place quickly after being gently pinched), sunken eyes, lethargy, and reduced appetite. Your vet can determine whether your cat is dehydrated through the use of bloodwork and a urinalysis if there is any concern that your cat may be dehydrated. Contact your vet if your cat is not drinking water or if you notice changes in their behavior, even subtle.

Also note: If you see that your cat is drinking a lot of water, this may indicate a health condition and should be brought to your vet's attention.



Tips to encourage a cat to drink water:

- Avoid plastic bowls, as they can alter the way the water tastes or retain the odors of the soap used in cleaning. They can also easily be scratched, allowing bacteria to grow in the grooves which are difficult to clean thoroughly.
- Offer multiple water bowls throughout the house and pay attention to the

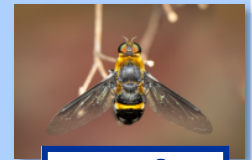
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get their name from their attraction to human perspiration. They pollinate a wide range of flowering plants and are active into October and even November.

While not actually bees but sometimes mistaken for bees, insects like hoverflies and types of wasps such as yellow jackets, paper wasps, potter wasps, and hornets do sometimes pollinate but not enough to be noteworthy, unlike bees.



Hoverfly



Yellow Jacket (Wasp)

Interestingly, bees evolved from wasps. The ancestor of all modern bees is believed to be a small wasp that fed on an insect called a *thirp*, which eats pollen. Over 100 million years ago, descendants of this wasp evolved to feeding on pollen directly and over time became the bees that we know today.

Do all types of bees sting?

Of the bee types listed here, all *can* sting (except for the male mason bees and male carpenter bees; though the females can), but most rarely do except in defense when a person or animal gets too close to their nest or colony or when handled roughly or trapped under clothing. The best way to avoid being stung by bees is to leave them alone.

Of the flies and wasps listed, hoverflies don't have stingers, but wasps do sting and can be aggressive.

Do other types of bees store honey besides honeybees?

A very few other types of bees do also store honey, but it is very different in consistency; much closer to raw nectar.



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What happens to honeybees in the fall and winter?

As the weather begins to get cooler, the queen bee, who is the mother of the entire hive, stops laying eggs, the “winter bees” are born, and the drones (which are male bees whose only job is to mate with the queen) are kicked out of the hive.

The worker bees, which are all female, will continue foraging for nectar and pollen as long as the temperature is above 55 °F (13 °C). This is why it’s a good idea to plant fall flowers in your garden if possible.



Honeybees may also steal honey in the fall, as well as making honey, if workers discover a weaker colony nearby and can sneak past the guard bees. This can completely devastate the weaker colony, underscoring the importance for beekeepers to keep all hives equally strong all season.

The last of the eggs laid by the queen at the end of the season will become the “winter bees”, who will be responsible for keeping the colony alive all winter. Because these bees are fed less pollen during development, their bodies are designed with larger organs known as “fat bodies” and a much longer lifespan (3-4 times longer) than summer bees.

The worker bees begin to evict the drones as winter approaches, sometimes forcefully. This is for the pur-

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Word Search Puzzle: Groups of Animals

Humans have come up with some creative names for groups of animals. Some of the names in this puzzle are no longer used, but were included because they are unique or funny. Can you find the 50 names for groups of animals in this issue’s puzzle? (See the information on Page 5 to find out which animals belong to which group names.) Visit our web site to see the completed puzzle or to solve the puzzle online.

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Word List:

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| 1. ARMY | 12. CONSPIRACY | 25. LEASH | 38. SHADOW |
| 2. AUDIENCE | 13. CONVOCATION | 26. MISCHIEF | 39. SHIVER |
| 3. BARREL | 14. COVEY | 27. MURDER | 40. SHREWDNESS |
| 4. BUSINESS | 15. CRASH | 28. MURMURATION | 41. SLOTH |
| 5. CACKLE | 16. DESCENT | 29. PANDEMONIUM | 42. SNUGGLE |
| 6. CARAVAN | 17. DRAY | 30. PARADE | 43. SWARM |
| 7. CAST | 18. DROVE | 31. PARLIAMENT | 44. THUNDER |
| 8. CAULDRON | 19. FAMILY | 32. PARTY | 45. TOWER |
| 9. CETE | 20. FLAMBOYANCE | 33. PASSEL | 46. TRIBE |
| 10. CHARM | 21. GAGGLE | 34. POD | 47. TURMOIL |
| 11. CLOWDER | 22. GANG | 35. PRICKLE | 48. WAKE |
| | 23. KNOT | 36. QUIVER | 49. WARREN |
| | 24. LEAP | 37. SCHOOL | 50. ZEAL |



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More about the animal group names in the Word Search puzzle on Page 4:

There is no “official” list of animal group names, which is why there can be multiple group names for many types of animals, such as a clowder, pounce, or glaring of cats. Likewise, one group name may apply to multiple types of animals, as in a herd of elephants, rabbits, or whales.

But just in case you wonder where some of these names come from, the list below spells out the particular use of each term that we had in mind when creating this puzzle.

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| 1. ARMY of Caterpillars | 23. KNOT of Toads |
| 2. AUDIENCE of Squid | 24. LEAP of Leopards |
| 3. BARREL of Monkeys | 25. LEASH of Foxes |
| 4. BUSINESS of Ferrets | 26. MISCHIEF of Mice |
| 5. CACKLE of Hyenas | 27. MURDER of Crows |
| 6. CARAVAN of Camels | 28. MURMURATION of Starlings |
| 7. CAST of Falcons | 29. PANDEMONIUM of Parrots |
| 8. CAULDRON of Bats | 30. PARADE of Elephants |
| 9. CETE of Badgers | 31. PARLIAMENT of Owls |
| 10. CHARM of Finches | 32. PARTY of Jays |
| 11. CLOWDER of Cats | 33. PASSEL of Pigs |
| 12. CONSPIRACY of Lemurs | 34. POD of Whales |
| 13. CONVOCATION of Eagles | 35. PRICKLE of Porcupines |
| 14. COVEY of Partridge | 36. QUIVER of Cobras |
| 15. CRASH of Rhinoceroses | 37. SCHOOL of Fish |
| 16. DESCENT of Woodpeckers | 38. SHADOW of Jaguars |
| 17. DRAY of Squirrels | 39. SHIVER of Sharks |
| 18. DROVE of Donkeys | 40. SHREWDNESS of Apes |
| 19. FAMILY of Otters | 41. SLOTH of Bears |
| 20. FLAMBOYANCE of Flamingos | 42. SNUGGLE of Sloths |
| 21. GAGGLE of Geese | 43. SWARM of Bees |
| 22. GANG of Buffalo | 44. THUNDER of Hippopotami |
| | 45. TOWER of Giraffes |
| | 46. TRIBE of Goats |
| | 47. TURMOIL of Porpoises |
| | 48. WAKE of Buzzards |
| | 49. WARREN of Rabbits |
| | 50. ZEAL of Zebras |



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pose of conserving food resources, as the drones serve no purpose when not mating with the queen, while also making room for food storage and for the winter bees. In the spring, the queen, who is able to choose the sex of her eggs, will lay new drone eggs.

Beekeepers will winterize their hives with an insulated wrap called a bee cozy as well as insulating the inner cover and lid of the hive to provide thermal protection and prevent cold water from dripping inside the hive. They will also make sure the bees have plenty of stored honey and are protected from a parasite called varroa destructor, which transmits viruses and feeds off of honeybees.

Did you know that Bumblebees Play . . . For Fun?

When we think of bees, we often think of their hardworking nature. The phrase “busy as a bee” didn’t just come from nowhere, after all.

But a group of researchers in the U.K. have discovered that giving bumblebees tiny wooden balls results



in the bees playing with them and moving them around. This was discovered during a different study in which they trained the bees to push the balls in exchange for a sugary treat, but the bees continued to push the balls around even when they were not receiving a reward. During the study, their behavior met all five basic criteria for play. The younger the bees, the more they play, with males playing for longer durations than females. The same behavior was also observed when the bees were given bottles and foam cubes.



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to have at our old house, when I would go out to the screened patio at night and talk with the stray cats who lived in the neighborhood, raising awareness about responsible animal rescue organizations and all the good work they do. I had learned all about that from overhearing Mom's conversations with other people who were involved. I tried to encourage the other cats to let these humans help them. I tried to let them know the joys of having a forever home and a human (or human family) to love.

I smiled at the memory of those meetings.

But in the moment, I was so drawn to that missing wall and the great big world on the other side of it.

I hadn't been outside, *truly outside*, without a leash or carrier, since I was a baby living in the colony behind Mom's bookstore where Mallory found me when she was just a child herself. And while I absolutely love having a home and a family and being safe in the shelter of *indoors*, something primal welled up inside of me and my instincts propelled me forward.

Just as my nose crossed the threshold of what I was realizing must be the "big door", a scritch sound caught my attention. I quickly turned my

head and saw what it was: a leaf! It stopped, then scritch some more, then danced a little, and it was game on!

I tore out after it, chasing it and catching it and picking it up in my teeth, then letting the wind take it and chasing it again as it floated and fluttered over the grass. I temporarily forgot everything else I'd ever known and my focus was on that leaf and the unbridled joy of an all-out run at top speed, using all of my muscles, leaping and twisting and soaring with such grace and speed, the wind tickling my fur and...Uh oh.

Once the leaf was in tiny pieces, I sat down to catch my breath and glance around. I'd gone quite a distance. The

houses near where I sat were not *our* house. The scents that my nose picked up included humans, but they weren't *my* humans.

I knew I would need to find my way back to the garage. I hadn't eaten my dinner, after all, and it was waiting for me in the kitchen. I stood and started to walk in the direction from where I'd come, my nose hard at work, seeking the scents of home.

I was interrupted by the scent of a cricket. I crouched as close to the ground as possible and remained still as a statue. Sure enough, a subtle movement in the grass gave away the hiding spot of my newfound hairy-legged friend.

"Gotcha!" I said as I pounced, but the cricket was quick and had already hopped out of my reach.

A new chase ensued, and by the time the cricket had evaded my pursuit and I sat down to catch my breath once more, I was even further from the house.

And it was no longer *getting* dark out; it *was* dark.

Well, no problem, I thought, I'll go home now.

I was in the middle of deciding which direction to turn when I heard something, very faintly in the distance.

I perked my ears up and listened.

Yes, I heard my name. Mom and Dad were calling to me from very far away.

I turned toward the sound of their voices and was about to move closer to them when I was stopped in my tracks. Lights - so many lights - flashed and moved in several directions all at once, and the lights were between me and my family.

I made a beeline for the bushes at the side of the nearest house and hid deep behind the branches.

I peered out.

"Burlington! Here, kitty, kitty!"

It was not just Mom and Dad. There were other voices joining in.

But the lights persisted, getting closer and closer, moving in such a random way.

They must be UFO's. That was it. I wasn't

entirely sure what UFO's were, but Matthew had been very interested in them as a teenager. He read books about them and watched movies and online videos about them. He talked about stories claiming that UFO's had kidnapped people, and that they came with beams of light.

And they were after me.

I wanted so badly to make a blind run toward my family's voices and the security that would come with them, but those lights were a barrier between us and represented a danger I could not even fully fathom.

So I remained hidden in the bushes, scared and shaking.

Eventually, the voices faded away, the lights disappearing along with them. I hoped the UFO's hadn't taken my family.

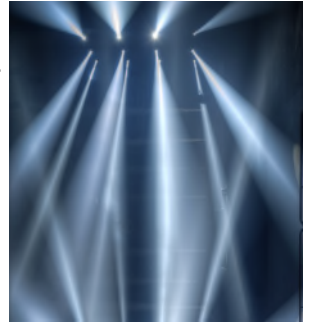
I remained where I was as the night progressed. I became cold and very hungry but was paralyzed with fear.

Hours passed.

Eventually, dawn broke and the dark of night turned into early morning. The big, loud monsters that roamed the streets eating the contents of the trash cans that were left out for them by the humans made their way down the road in front of the house where I hid. They were even louder than they seemed from inside my house.

Once the noise from the monsters faded into the distance, it was replaced by a new sound.

"Burlington! Kitty, kitty, kitty!"



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Squirry's Words (Continued)

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- locations of the bowls. They should be easily accessible and away from high traffic or noisy areas, litterboxes, and food bowls.
- Make sure water is always clean and fresh.
- Transition (partially or even completely) to wet cat food. Wet food contains about ten times more water than dry food. (Be sure to transition slowly over one week when changing your cat's diet to avoid stomach upset, and talk with your vet before making diet changes if your cat has kidney issues.)
- You can also add water to your cat's wet or dry food, starting with an additional teaspoon each day and gradually increasing until you know the limit that you can

add without causing your cat to no longer enjoy the food.

- Fill the water bowl near the brim. This enables your cat to drink without having to put their head deep into the bowl. This solves two problems: cats like to be able to keep a clear view of what is going on around them, and they also don't like their whiskers to touch the inside of the bowl.
- Try a drinking fountain. Cats love flowing water, and running water is easier for a cat to see. Some cats are hesitant at first when a new water fountain is introduced. Be patient and allow time for them to adjust (it could take a couple weeks), and keep providing regular water bowls as well during the adjustment period. Also be sure to thoroughly clean the fountain at least weekly.

- Check out some of the soups, broths, or flavored water on the market that is made specifically for cats. (Remember, though, that these are not meant to replace your cat's food and do not contain the full nutrition of cat food.) You can also find recipes online to make homemade soups and flavored water for cats.
- Sprinkle some catnip in your cat's water.
- Put ice cubes or toys such as ping-pong balls in the water bowl.
- Never force your cat to drink water. This can be unsafe and can also create stress and negative associations for your cat. Please contact your vet if your cat is sick and not drinking.

*Peace, Love, and Head-Butts,
Squirry.*

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It was Mom!

I quickly scanned the road and there were none of the scary UFO lights I'd seen during the night, so I geared up with all my might and shot out of the bushes, running as fast as I could toward Mom's voice and let out a "Mroooooowwww!"

Within seconds, I was in her arms, Dad enveloping us in a huge hug.

As they took me home, I noticed tears running down Mom's cheeks. I wondered why she was crying. The thought crossed my mind that perhaps she had seen those UFO lights too and had been as afraid as I'd been.

We got back home and Mom immediately filled a dish with food for me and gave me a fresh bowl of water. I ate contentedly until I was no longer hungry while Mom gently stroked my coat and spoke to me in a comforting way.

She told me how relieved they were that I was back home, safe and sound.

"I'm so sorry," she added, "We didn't know that the door wasn't completely closed. We'll be extra careful, going forward, to double-check it whenever anyone goes in or out."

I gave myself a bath, combing my fur with my rough tongue and removing the dirt from outside. Gradually, I was beginning to relax and feel more like myself again.

While I groomed, Mom called some of her friends to let them know I was home and to thank them for helping in the search. When she was finished talking and ended the call, she turned to me.

"You gave us quite a scare, Burlington."

Her voice caught in her throat and I thought I saw the shimmer of tears in her eyes again.

"I don't know what I'd do if we hadn't found you. We were up all night with worry."

I rubbed against her legs and purred, my way of saying, "I love you, too".

She picked up something from the counter.

"Well, I can put these away now."

I stretched my neck to see what she carried in her arms as she headed toward the garage.

Flashlights. At least four of them.

Suddenly, I was hit with a realization. Flashlights make funny streams of light, and when it's dark out, the lights bounce around as the person moves.

Not UFO's.

Well, that made sense.

I'm still a little embarrassed that I'd panicked and thought they were UFO's, but I won't tell anyone if you won't.



Burlington is a fictional gray/silver tabby cat belonging to a family in the Northeast United States. "Mom" is Paige Turner, owner of a small book store. "Dad's" real name has not been mentioned to date. Their two (now adult) children are Mallory and Matthew. The family also adopted a Chihuahua and named her Jersey. See our web site, pacsnj.org, for other issues of Burlington Reports and read the ongoing adventures and learning experiences of Burlington and his family!



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Ditch The Artificial Spider Webs Outdoors This Halloween

During this time each year, when many people enjoy putting out their scariest decorations, we see a lot of the popular artificial spider webs, which, while great for adding a touch of creepiness to any scene, actually pose a danger to wildlife.



Birds, bees and other insects, and chipmunks and other small animals can easily get stuck in the stretchy fibers, and because these fibers don't break easily, generally being made of synthetic polyester, dense cotton, or PVC, birds and other animals and insects can suffer fates from broken wings or limbs to even death.

In addition to their danger to wildlife, these fake webs are highly flammable. If they catch fire, flames can quickly spread to your home, causing a great amount of damage.

As an alternative, you can use artificial spider webs inside (being careful to keep them away from pets as well as any candles, light bulbs, or other heat sources), or make safe fake spider webs with knotted rope. (See our website for a link.)