

Keep black cats indoors, Sudderth warns

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While it's never been an issue for the Avery County Humane Society, director Alice Sudderth says people get strange ideas on Halloween.

Nationwide, there have been reports of people using black cats and other domestic animals as part of cruel Halloween "rituals" and pranks. Many Humane Societies nationwide don't adopt out black cats in the month of October. Avery County is cautious.

They screen potential pet owners and Sudderth is confident they would be able to tell if someone had a cruel reason for adopting a cat.

Sudderth says, while there haven't been reports of Halloween abuse, it could happen here.

There's only one way to protect your outdoor cats.

Bring them inside, she says.

Sudderth, on principle, always keeps all of her pets indoors, and says that's the only way to protect your pet from getting lost or stolen.