

## PETIQUETTE QUESTIONS ANSWERED



Miss Petiquette (not her real name) lives in a cramped urban cottage with her dog and two cockatiels. Her partially blind bunny has since crossed over the rainbow bridge. One pet down, Miss Petiquette has even more time on her hands to answer your questions regarding manners in the modern age for pet lovers. Miss Petiquette is on hand to deal with your perplexing petiquette and personal problems.

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Dear Miss Petiquette,

*This past Halloween, some friends from my dog training club had a dog party and many dressed their dogs up in costumes. Some of the dogs looked absolutely miserable and others seemed to like it. What is your opinion on this?*

Pat C.

Burleigh Heads, QLD

Dear Pat,

The more important question is did you all have a good time? Halloween is becoming more commercial these days and dog costumes are now more commonly found. There's a belief that dogs like the attention they get when dressed in something silly. For the most part I don't see what the issue would be unless the costume is causing some discomfort.

I routinely put reindeer headpieces on my dogs for Christmas parties. One seems to like keeping it on while the other shakes it off. I can also confess that I have a Christmas jumper for one dog that has flashing lights in it. In our climate, a jumper probably isn't such a good idea but if the air conditioning is on and it's only worn for a short time, then that's not a real issue.

I say have fun with it all, and above all, make sure the dogs are having fun too. 🐾



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