

Halloween Superstitions

Animals

What is a superstition?

A superstition is an old belief that something good or bad might happen if we do or say a certain thing. Superstitions date back to a time when people couldn't explain the things around them. Today, most people don't take superstitions seriously, but it is fun to think about how they started since Halloween is a very superstitious day! Many animals are associated with Halloween and have superstitions surrounding them.

Bats



During the Middle Ages, hundreds of years ago, people linked bats with witches because they both came out at night and disappeared during the day. People were also puzzled by the fact that bats could fly at night and not bump into things.

Toads



Toads were also believed to be witches. People believed that toads were poisonous because animals that attacked them got sick. People also believed that toads caused warts which is not true.

Black cats



People in the past thought that black cats were witches in disguise. Since many cats look black at night, Halloween cats are usually seen as black cats.

Owls



Because of their loud, screeching sound and the fact that they came out at night, owls were believed to be witches in disguise.