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Even pet owners who go to great lengths to make their homes safe for pets may neglect a common household hazard: the cords, wires and cables to their electrical equipment.

Pet-Proofing Tips

Dogs, cats, rabbits and ferrets often see wires as chew toys, putting them at risk for electric shock and strangulation. CableOrganizer.com offers these tips to prevent such tragedies:

- ◆ Shield computer cables with split wire loom, a flexible tube that bundles cables together.
- ◆ Use cable-management products to lift cables, power adapters, power strips, hubs, modems and other small devices off the floor.
- ◆ Use surface raceways to organize and protect electrical cords that run along the floor to distant electrical outlets—and prevent tripping. Made of durable PVC, they can be painted to match the house's décor.
- ◆ Use wire cover systems to hide cords and cables that run across a walkway or behind furniture. They lie flat and stay flat to keep floors clear and safe.
- ◆ Use a strong yet flexible metal sleeve to protect outdoor fiber optics and heavy cables susceptible to damage from pets, wildlife or the elements. These sleeves also offer protection from electromagnetic interference.

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