



COLD WEATHER HAZARDS

Take steps to ensure your pets' health during cold weather.

BE PREPARED:

- Talk to your veterinarian about your pet's risks in cold weather
- Have an emergency kit that includes your pet's needs in case of severe weather or prolonged power outage
- If your dog has a short coat or seems bothered by cold, consider a sweater or dog coat
- Consider booties for your dog's feet; make sure they fit!
- Ensure outdoor pets have insulated shelter and unfrozen drinking water. In extreme cold, even outdoor pets should stay inside

KNOW YOUR PET'S LIMITS:

- Know your pet's tolerance for the cold; adjust accordingly
- Shorten walks in very cold weather
- Contact your veterinarian if your pet is shivering or extremely lethargic after being out in the cold

AVOID INJURY/POISONING:

- Check under your car, bang the hood, and honk the horn before starting the engine
- Use pet-safe de-icing products
- Clean up any antifreeze spills quickly
- Stay away from frozen ponds, lakes and streams
- Only take your pet in the car when absolutely necessary. Never leave your pet unattended in a vehicle
- Check your dog's paws frequently for signs of irritation or injury
- Wipe down or wash your pet's feet, legs and belly to remove packed snow, ice, salt and de-icing chemicals after walks

Questions or Concerns?

Ask us; we are always happy to help!



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