

Winter facts for pet parents!

Cool tips on caring for pets during these cold winter months.



Whether your pet likes to chase falling snowflakes or prefers to stay inside by the fire, the winter season can be full of adventures. However, many people don't realize that a few extra measures may be required to help their dog or cat stay safe and healthy during these cold months. Here are a few quick tips that can help you and your pet enjoy your winter wonderland.

Keep your pet away from antifreeze

Antifreeze is extremely poisonous and can cause severe damage if your pet ingests it. Clean up any leaks or spills with products containing propylene glycol to keep your pet from getting sick.

Never leave your dog or cat in the car

Vehicles can become extremely cold during the winter. Make sure your dog or cat isn't left alone in the car or they could risk freezing to death.

Give your pets supplements

Vitamins can provide essential nutrients that can help protect your pet inside and out. Contact us to see what vitamins we recommend for your pet during these winter months.

Keep your dogs on a leash

A dog's sense of smell can be hindered in freezing temperatures; this is one of the reasons why more dogs get lost during the winter than any other season. Always keep your dog on a leash, make sure he/she is wearing a tag, and has been microchipped.

Winter fashion is all the rage

Sweaters, jackets, and booties can be both adorable and essential to keeping your pet warm. Some breeds are unable to grow a long, thick coat, so a warm winter vest may be necessary to keep their body heat in and the cold out.

Bring your pets indoors

Dogs and cats that enjoy the freedom of the great outdoors may not love the idea of being cooped up inside, but a warm living room can provide safety from freezing temperatures, disease, and other animals looking for a fight over food or a place to stay warm.

Wipe off your pet after playing

Other than cold toes and a wet belly, snow can cause more serious issues. As dogs or cats clean themselves, they can ingest salt, antifreeze, and other harsh chemicals. Snow or ice can also get stuck between their paws, potentially causing them to bleed.

Watch out for sleeping cats

Some outdoor cats may try to find a nice dry spot to take a nap. Unfortunately, some cats may climb under the hoods of cars in order to find shelter from the cold. Before starting the engine, bang on the hood a few times to wake up any sleeping cats and give them a chance to move.

Care for your pet's skin

Like humans, dogs and cats can get dry skin during the winter months. Certain gels and creams can help keep your pet's paws, ears, and nose moisturized and prevent painful cracking. Ask us what products we recommend for your pet's skin.