



Cold weather poses **SERIOUS THREATS** to your pets' health - from frostbite to poison hazards. Be sure to take these steps to **KEEP THEM SAFE.**

# COLD Weather Pet Safety

## Be Prepared

- Talk to your veterinarian about your pet's risks in cold weather.
- Use pet-safe de-icing products.
- Prepare a disaster/emergency kit that includes your pet's needs.

## Prevent Injuries and Poisoning

- Check underneath your car, bang on the hood, and honk the horn before starting the engine.
- Clean up any antifreeze spills quickly.
- Check your dog's paws frequently for signs of cold-weather injury or damage.
- Wipe down or wash your pet's feet, legs and belly to remove de-icing chemicals.

## Know the Limits

- Be aware of your pet's tolerance for cold weather. Adjust accordingly.
- If your dog has a short coat or seems bothered by cold, consider a sweater or dog coat.
- Consider using booties on your dog's feet – and make sure they fit properly.
- Even outdoor cats and dogs should be kept inside during cold weather.
- Shorten your dog's walks in very cold weather.
- Stay away from frozen ponds, lakes and other water.
- Only take your pet in the car with you when absolutely necessary.
- Never leave your pet unattended in a vehicle.