



COLD WEATHER TIPS

Protecting your pets when temperatures drop.

Prepare for Cold Weather

- Outdoor pets must have insulated shelter and unfrozen water. Even outdoor pets must be brought in when the weather is extreme
- Dogs with shorter coats should wear coats or sweaters when outside
- Talk to your veterinarian about your pet's risks in cold weather

Avoiding Cold Weather-related Injuries

- Make sure any salt used on your property is safe for pets. Be sure to wipe your pet's paws after they have been on a walk or outside
- Do not allow pets near anti-freeze. If ingested, it can cause serious harm or death
- Check under your car and car hood prior to starting the engine. Animals often gravitate near cars in cold weather because the engines are warm
- Check your pets paws for any scrapes or scratches from ice and snow
- Stay away from frozen bodies of water

Understanding Your Pets Limits

- Even pets that enjoy playing in the snow need to have limits. Only allow your pets outside for short periods of time.
- If your pet is shivering or lethargic after spending time outside, call your veterinarian.

*If you notice or know of a dog that is kept outdoors, you can take action. Approach the household and share that the weather is unusually cold and there is great risk. Share ideas as to how the dog can be aided. **If you are uncomfortable or face resistance, contact the local police department and NJSPCA.***