

WINTER PET TIPS

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PAW PATROL

Thoroughly clean and dry your pet's paws after walks. Ice, snow and cold can do significant damage to paw pads, and de-icing products can burn them.

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SOMETIMES A FUR COAT ISN'T ENOUGH

Not all pets are equipped to handle cold temperatures the same. Don't leave your pets outside for more than 10-15 minutes. When taking them out for walks, dress your pet with sweaters or coats. You accessorize for the weather, why not your pets? Refrain from shaving your pets fur during the winter.

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NEVER LEAVE YOUR PET IN THE CAR

When it's cold outside, a vehicle can quickly turn into a refrigerator, trapping your four-legged friend in frigid temperatures. If it's too cold for you to go without a jacket, it's too cold for them. Your best bet is to leave your pet at home.

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KNOW YOUR PET'S LIMITS & BE ALERT

Take into account your pet's breed, as well as conditions like arthritis, diabetes, heart disease, kidney disease and advanced age that can be negatively influenced by the cold. Be alert for signs of hypothermia including: shivering, whining, disorientation, sluggish or anxious behavior.

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HIDING IN THE HOOD

Warm engines attract cats and small animals. Bang on your hood before starting your vehicle's engine on cold mornings.

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BEWARE OF ANTIFREEZE

With a sweet smell that draws pets in, products containing ethylene glycol can be lethal to pets. Wipe up spills and overflows you see immediately.