

17 PET SAFETY TIPS

FOR WINTER



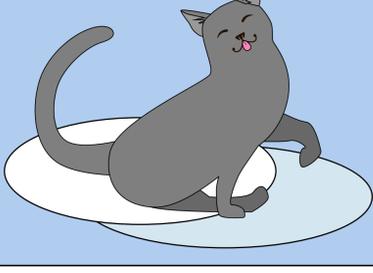
DON'T FORGET THE LEASH

- Go to walk only in the late mornings or early afternoon and let them walk or play outdoors only when it's sunny. Always keep your pets on their leash as there are many dangers about out in the streets like ice falls and vehicles like snowplows.



WALKS DURING WINTER

- Do not allow your pet to lick their paws or anything from driveways or roadways.



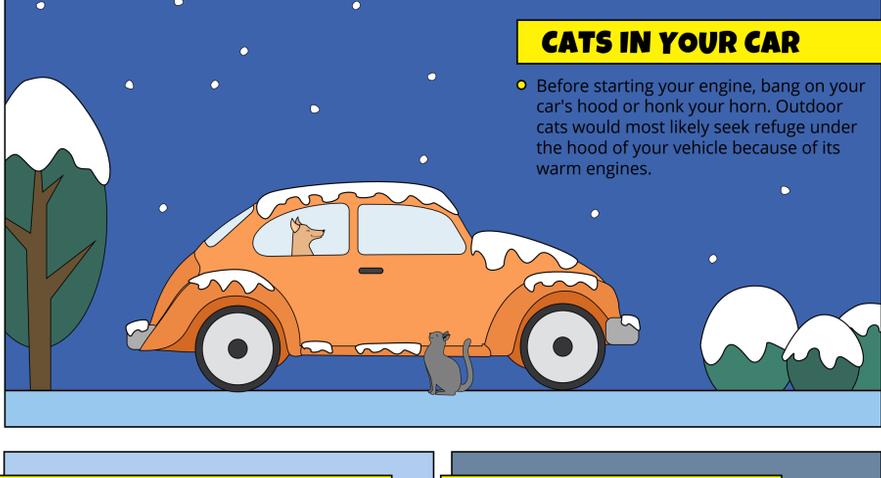
KEEP WARM WITH JACKETS

- Let your pet wear jackets, sweaters, or high collar turtlenecks to keep them warm in winter. This is a must, especially for short-haired dogs.



CARS = REFRIGERATORS? COULD BE!

- Never leave your pet inside a vehicle. Cars can hold in the cold and act as refrigerators, possibly freezing your pet to death.



CATS IN YOUR CAR

- Before starting your engine, bang on your car's hood or honk your horn. Outdoor cats would most likely seek refuge under the hood of your vehicle because of its warm engines.

KEEP ANTIFREEZE AND COOLANTS OUT OF REACH

- Antifreeze and coolants are deadly poisons for your pets. Keep pets away from these chemicals. Thoroughly remove any trace of these after use. Ingesting antifreeze is a severe emergency. Contact your veterinarian immediately.



BEFORE YOU GO OUT

- Consider massaging your pet's feet with petroleum jelly to protect their feet from salt and chemicals. Dog boots can also help in preventing your pets from itchy flaking skin and from licking their paws, which can be dangerous.



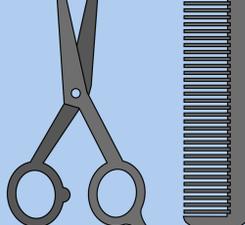
CARE ON PET'S FEET

- After walks, immediately remove snowballs stuck in-between your pet's footpads. Don't forget to wash and dry your pet's feet to remove ice, salt, or chemicals in feet and check for cracks on paw pad or redness in your pet's toes.



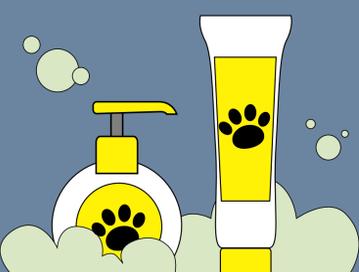
JUST TRIM, DON'T CUT THE FUR

- The longer the fur, the better to give your pet some extra warmth in winter. Don't shave your dog down to its skin.



LIMIT THE PET BATHS

- Give your pets a bath as little as possible. Give them some moisturizing shampoo and conditioner to help their skin be kept moisturized.



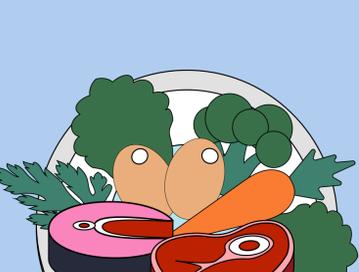
PUT SAFETY FIRST IN YOUR HOME

- Screen your fireplace and wood-burning stoves to prevent your pet from burning themselves. This is especially true for space heaters as once knocked over, it can cause a fire in your home.



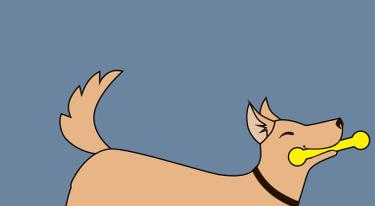
ADJUSTING YOUR PET'S DIET

- Adjust your pet's meal depending on their activity level. Consult your vet about adjusting your pet's diet.



DO EXERCISES AT HOME

- Ensure your pet stays fit by playing with your pet indoors. If your pet is food motivated, you can incorporate play during mealtime and let them follow some tracks, throw a kibble, and have them chase it down the hallway.



KEEP THEIR WATER LUKEWARM

- Always give your pet a fresh supply of water to keep it hydrated and prevent skin from getting dry at all times. Try using plastic or ceramic water bowls rather than metal to prevent them from being cold.



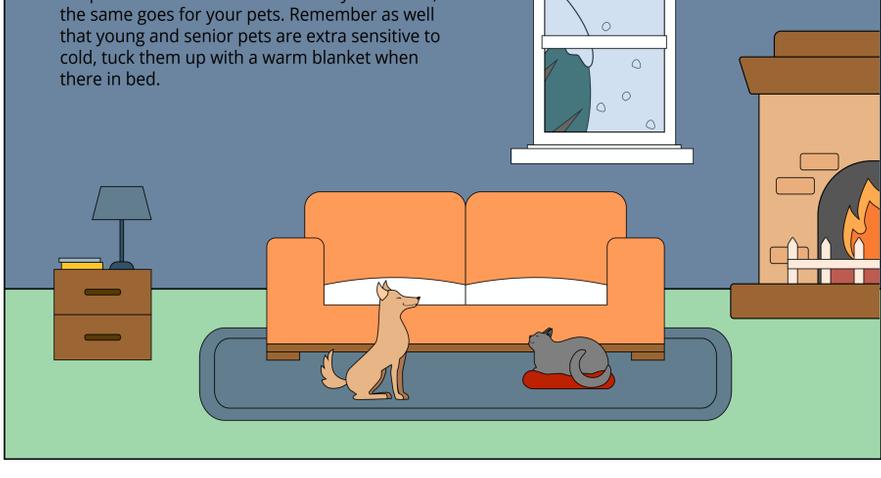
READY YOUR BLIZZARD CHECKLIST

- If you're located in a blizzard-prone area, best to have a look on your blizzard checklist ready and make sure you're all stocked up. Best to have these things kept in one place for your easy access.



PETS KEPT SNUG AND WARM AT HOME

- Keep in mind that if it's too cold for you outside, the same goes for your pets. Remember as well that young and senior pets are extra sensitive to cold, tuck them up with a warm blanket when there in bed.



WHOLE-YEAR ROUND FLEA AND TICK PREVENTION

Though fleas and ticks are not active in looking for a host in winter, they become opportunists waiting for their next prey to come and for them to grab onto. Keep pets on their flea and tick prevention the whole year-round.

