



Hello Kent County Pet Parents!

**Welcome to the February Issue of the AI's Animals
Newsletter!**

This e-newsletter comes from **AI's Animals, LLC**; you are receiving this newsletter because you made contact with AI's Animals, LLC in the past. We hope you'll find this monthly e-newsletter helpful, and that you will share it with all of your animal-loving friends!

Please read on.....

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Announcing a pet-sitting discount just in time for **Valentine's Day**. Reserve your in-home pet-sitting or dog walking service by February 29 and receive **15 percent off the regular price!** Call (443) 282-0960 or e-

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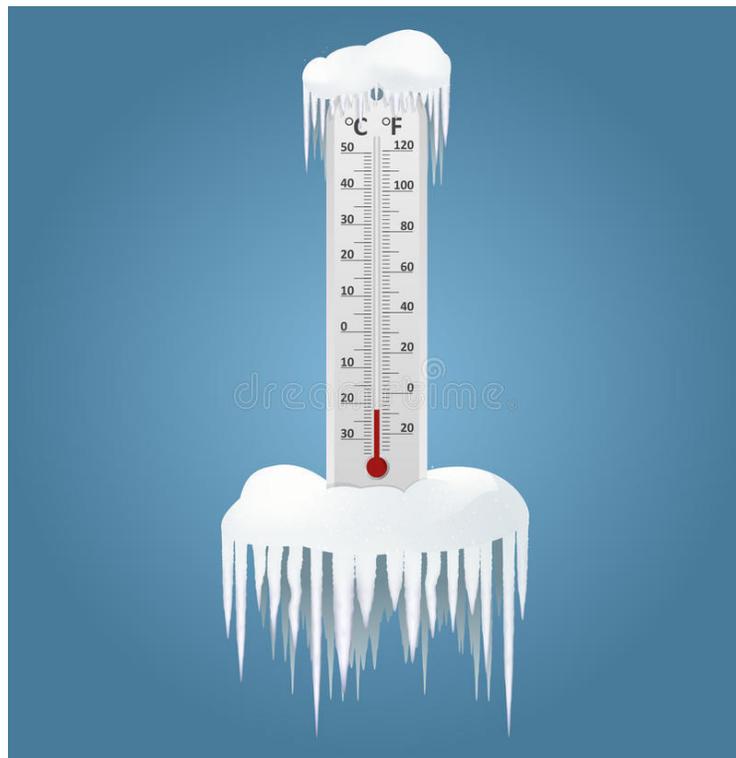
Cold Weather Tips for your Pets

As we endure the coldest months of winter on the Eastern Shore, pet parents should be aware of these cold weather tips:

Know your dog's limitations. Some dogs are more susceptible to the cold than others -- especially short-haired, elderly, or very young dogs. If going for a long walk, consider wrapping him/her in a sweater or coat.

Check the paws. Upon returning home after a walk, wipe your dog's paws. Exposure to salt, antifreeze, or other de-icing agents can make the animal ill should s/he lick his/her paws. Also check for signs of injury, such as cracked or bleeding paws.

Check the car. Outdoor cats are drawn to warm spaces and have been known to climb under the engine or into the wheel wells of parked vehicles. Knock on the hood or blow the horn to remove any cat (or other creature) napping within.



Provide shelter. During brutal cold snaps, all pets should be brought indoors. However, those that live outdoors in moderately cold temperatures should be provided a sturdy shelter that insulates against the wind. Ensure the floor is raised a few inches off the ground and covered with cedar shavings or straw. Provide more food as outdoor pets will expend more calories to stay warm. Ensure the water remains unfrozen.

Click here for additional cold weather safety tips.



February 25 is World Spay Day

World Spay Day (the last Tuesday in February) reminds us that spay/neuter programs are integral to saving the lives of pets, community (or feral) cats, and stray dogs.

The commemoration was initiated in 1995 by **Doris Day** and the Doris Day Animal League (which merged with the Humane Society of the United States in 2006).

Today, the **Doris Day Animal Foundation** provides grants to non-profits to support spay and neuter programs. According to the **Humane Society of the United States**, spay/neuter programs **reduce pet homelessness, contribute to a pet's longevity**, and help to **curb undesirable behaviors**.

About Al's Animals, LLC

Al's Animals, LLC is a professional pet-sitting/animal care company based in Kent County, Maryland. Al's Animals, LLC is designed to support busy "pet parents" who need a dog walker during long days at work or school, or who need a compassionate, trustworthy individual to take care of their pet(s) while away. **We also provide vet pick up/drop off services.**



Animals are most comfortable in their own familiar surroundings, and can feel stressed or panicky when taken to a kennel.

E-mail info@AlsAnimals.com today to reserve your pet-sitting or dog walking session! We provide care for horses, too!



Did You Know?.....

Cats infected with **FIV** can live long and productive lives if managed correctly. As in humans, the **feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV)** impacts the cat's immune system, making the

animal susceptible to opportunistic infections. The presence of FIV antibodies in the blood forms the basis of an FIV-positive diagnosis.

The virus is transmitted from cat to cat through bite wounds. In multi-cat households, transmission from an FIV-positive cat to an uninfected cat is minimized if the cats do not fight with one another.

FIV-positive cats should be spayed or neutered and should be kept indoors, to minimize their exposure to infectious agents outdoors (and to prevent further transmission of the virus). They should be fed nutritionally-balanced diets that avoid uncooked foods (e.g., raw meat or eggs).

Humans cannot become infected with FIV.

For further information, see the **Cornell University Feline Health Center**.

With kind regards,
AI's Animals, LLC



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