COLD WEATHER TIPS FOR DOGS

EXPERT TIPS FROM ASPCA



DITCH THE BATH



Reduce bathing frequency during cold spells. Drying can take too long, and washing too often can deplete natural oils and increase dry, flaky skin.

ASK A PRO

If your dog must be bathed, ask your vet for a moisturizing shampoo or rinse recommendation.

WINTER COATS

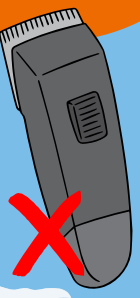


DO

Consider a coat or sweater for shorthaired breeds. Coverage from the base of the tail to the belly provides extra warmth.

DON'T

Don't closely shave your dog in the winter. Longer coats mean more warmth for your dog.



CHECK BEFORE YOU REV

Outdoor stray and feral cats sometimes sleep under car hoods to stay warm. But a car's fan belt can injure or kill a cat when the motor starts. To avoid a tragic accident: BANG LOUDLY on your hood before starting the engine to give any cats a chance to escape.



PAW PROTECTION

PRO TIP

Apply a dollop of petroleum jelly to their paw pads before going outside.



Daily walks can harm your dog's paws. Keep them moisturized to protect against salt and chemical agents. Use pet booties to minimize contact with painful salt crystals, poisonous anti-freeze and chemical ice-melting agents.



THE COLD OUTSIDE

CONTACT LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT if you see a dog out in the cold without proper shelter. Provide date, time, and location, and other pertinent details, then follow-up if the situation isn't remedied in a few days. Dogs left in extreme temperatures, especially without food and shelter, are at risk of hypothermia, frostbite and death.

DID YOU KNOW?

Animal neglect is a misdemeanor crime in all 50 states.

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