



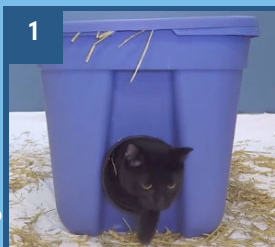
TOP 10 TIPS TO HELP OUTDOOR CATS IN *Winter*



EXPERT TIPS FROM ALLEY CAT ALLIES



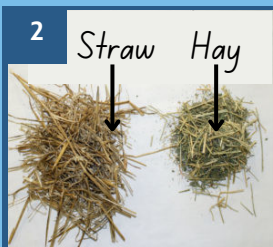
Wherever temperatures are dropping, colony caregivers and TNR volunteers are taking extra steps to help outdoor cats in winter, making sure they are safe and comfortable. Consider these tips for cold weather:



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PROVIDE SHELTERS

Relatively easy and inexpensive, you can build your own to keep cats away from snow, wind, and other elements.



2

INSULATE SHELTERS

Use straw -not hay. Straw repels moisture, unlike hay. Cats can burrow in it to stay warm. Be sure to add as needed.



3

HEATED BOWLS

Use heated bowls for water and wet food to prevent from freezing. Pro Tip: rubber containers won't crack.



4

FEEDING STATIONS

Easy-to-build, these stations protect cats' food and water from wind and snow.



5

DAILY SUSTINENCE

Wet food and water can freeze overnight, so check daily. Cats eat more in winter to conserve energy and stay warm; give extra.



6

PREPARE FOR STORMS

In the event of a major weather event, give extra food and water in case you can't get to the cats or colony location.



7

CLEAR SNOW

Clear snow from entrances of cats' shelters after snowstorms so they don't get snowed in.



8

NO SALT OR CHEMICALS

Salt or chemical products to clear snow can be lethal when licked off paws or in puddles and can harm their paws!



9

NO ANTIFREEZE

Antifreeze is poison. Animals find the taste irresistible but as little as a teaspoon spilled in the driveway can be fatal to a cat.



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CHECK CARS

Car engines are a warm place to curl up. Give the hood a few taps before starting your car.



IF YOU'RE CARRYING OUT TRAP-NEUTER-RETURN (TNR) IN THE WINTER, REMEMBER: If it's too cold for you, then it's probably too cold for cats to be in traps, exposed to the elements, for extended periods of time. Keep traps covered and secured in a temperature-controlled vehicle or building.