

PET SAFETY

DELAWARE COUNTY EMA



Pet Safety: Winter

- ✓ Shelter: Always provide a shelter that is warm, safe and dry for our furry friends. Especially if they are outdoor pets, you want to be sure the shelter is clean and ready for winter weather.
- ✓ Food: Your pet may burn extra calories in the winter trying to stay warm. Consider feeding them a little more food during the cold months.
- ✓ Water: Fresh, unfrozen water is a must if your pet is kept outdoors. Keeping your pet hydrated also keeps their skin from being too dry.
- ✓ Coats: If your pet has short hair, consider a pet coat, or sweater, with a high collar that covers from the base of the tail to the stomach. Sometimes their fur is not enough to keep them warm, plus the coat will keep some of the precipitation that may be falling from landing on your pet's fur.

Remember, if it's too cold for you, it's probably too cold for your pet, so keep your animals inside. If left outdoors, pets can freeze, become disoriented, lost, stolen, injured or killed. In addition, don't leave pets alone in a car during cold weather, as cars can act as refrigerators that hold in the cold and cause animals to freeze to death.

For more information on pet safety, visit the ASPCA at <https://www.aspc.org/pet-care/general-pet-care/cold-weather-safety-tips>

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