

Winter Pet Safety

Cold weather can be hazardous to your beloved pet.
This cold sneaking up on us -it might be easy to forget
your pets needs.

Things to watch for and think about:

- WATER, plenty of fresh water. In cold weather, you may not realize that animals need MORE water to sustain themselves –whether indoor or outdoor pets!
- HOUSING, facing away from wind. Also fresh DRY bedding.
- FOOD, might need to increase food on outdoor pets, to build a fat layer for insulation.
- Sending pets outside to “do their duties”, do not leave out for an extended period of time (don’t forget them outside).

Those are just a few things to keep in mind to help keep your pet safe during this cold season.

In the next couple weeks, there will be some other potential Holiday Pet Disasters to keep in mind.

Holiday decorations can be deadly to our pets. (Whatever kind of pet they may be!)

So what are some ways to help keep our pets safe this holiday season?

This time of year we have a lot of things in our home that we wouldn’t normally have.

Things to watch for and think about:

- Electrical wires, lights, tinsel on the trees –if eaten can create blockage.
- Mistletoe – poisonous.
- Poinsettia – poisonous.

Please keep in mind some of these things that are hazardous and keep them out of their reach.

Another holiday no-no for pets are those CHOCOLATES you have around. Chocolate contains a chemical that resembles caffeine. Pets

are not able to metabolize it the way people do and it could lead to a medical emergency.

And what about giving pets as gifts? Make sure the person receiving the pet has the equipment and the means to maintain an animal -for the duration of the animals' LIFE...

Just a few things to consider....

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