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## Winter Safety Tips

### Keep Pets Warm!

**Hypothermia:** Body temperatures can fall dangerously below normal if exposed to a cold environment for too long! Sweaters can be helpful for those short-haired pets when going out to potty or out for walks. Make sure all pets have adequate shelter from the elements and plenty of fresh (unfrozen) water.

**Frostbite:** Be aware that tissue damage typically doesn't appear until several days after exposure! If you suspect frostbite, call your veterinary office immediately – don't wait to ask questions and get your pet examined.

**Sunburn:** Sunlight reflecting off of the ice and snow can burn your pets nose, ears, and underbelly. Don't keep pets outdoors for too long without shade.

### **Beware of Toxins!**

Most brands of antifreeze contain Ethylene Glycol. To pets, this ingredient smells and tastes very sweet but is extremely toxic. Keep all antifreeze out of reach of children and animals! A very small amount can be lethal. Keep a close eye out of spills and leaks and make sure it is always cleaned up immediately.

Ice melt also contains toxins that are hazardous when ingested, as well as can cause irritation to paws, skin and mucous membranes. While no product is "safe" to ingest, some are worse than others.

