

Winter Pet Protection

In many parts of the country, winter can prove dangerous for four-legged family members. Taking extra precautions during winter months can ensure your pets stay happy and healthy when the temperatures plummet. The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) suggests [these steps](#):

- Keep pets warm and indoors. No matter the temperature, windchill can threaten a pet's life. Pets are sensitive to severe cold and are at risk for frostbite when outdoors during extreme cold snaps;
- Protect paws from salt. This and other chemicals used to melt snow and ice can irritate the pads of your pet's feet. Be sure to wipe off their paws with a damp towel; and
- Avoid antifreeze poisoning. Antifreeze has a sweet taste that may attract animals, but is a deadly poison. Don't allow pets to wander unattended near driveways, garages or other places when they may come into contact with antifreeze.

Switching to a brand of antifreeze containing propylene glycol can lower your pet's risk of poisoning, but it's still toxic.

Take action today! Learn how to [detect the early symptoms](#) of antifreeze poisoning in your pet. Then, [sign up](#) to receive the latest pet news, action alerts and more from the HSUS.