

# cold weather care: **winter tips for pets!**



Happy Holidays from the ASPCA® Pet Health Insurance program.  
Stay safe this holiday season with our tips for your pet.

## safety & hazards



### Antifreeze

Keep antifreeze out of reach and clean up any spills immediately.



### Pet-Safe De-Icers

Double-check that you are using pet-safe de-icing products.



### Starting the Car

Tap the hood and beep the horn to make sure no cats are sleeping in the wheel well or engine.



### Space Heaters

Use heaters with a sturdy base, cool-touch exterior, and automatic shut off to avoid a fire hazard. Supervise pets when the heater is on.

## paw & skin care



Use booties or paw wax to protect against ice and salt.



Avoid over-bathing or shaving your pet in the cold months.



## cold weather prep



If your pet has a thin coat, consider a jacket or sweater.



Make sure your pet has a cozy place to sleep away from all drafts.



Don't forget to ensure your pet has plenty of water that won't freeze.

## take extra measures for senior pets

As pets age, they become more vulnerable to the cold, making winter tough on their joints and immune system. Make it easier for them to move around. Place senior bedding in an area with comfortable temperatures. To keep them warm consider heating pads and warming beds.

