

Winter Dangers for Pets

We at DuPage County Animal Care and Control want to help ensure your pet stays healthy, active, and safe this winter!



Signs an Animal is Suffering in the Cold...

- Shivering
- Acting noticeably more tired and sluggish
- Licking paws
- Huddled up next to you
- Wants to go back in the house
- Lifting paws on the walk which may be accompanied with whining

Warning Signs of Hypothermia or Paw Damage Requiring Veterinary Care...

- Loses consciousness
- Excessive licking of paws
- Cut on paw/blood seen
- Vomiting or drooling after licking paw (this could be reaction to salt/melt products)

What You Can Do...

- Bring pet inside
- Stay out of the wind
- Put a coat and booties on your pet.....
- Provide a warm spot in the house where they can get comfortable
- Clean and dry feet after walks in ice/snow or if exposure to salt or ice melt products
- Take longer walks in the late afternoon or early evening when it is warmer
- Protect yourself from slips and falls on walks where there may be ice/slippery surface



Outdoor Animals...

Outdoor animals are at a high risk for injury and death during the winter. They often seek heat on or under car hoods which can be deadly. Here are some ways you can help outdoor animals this winter...

- It is best to keep pets indoors whenever possible
- Bang on car hood before starting the engine
- If a pet must be kept outside, the following should be provided: housing with cover, insulation, water proof bedding, and a heated water bowl

If you see an animal suffering, please call 911