



Winter Seasonal Tips: Tips for the colder months



When In The House:

Make sure your dog's sleeping area, bedding and crate is kept in a warm, draft free area, preferably raised or elevated off the floor. Tile and uncarpeted floors can be cold. Consider making blankets or rugs available for an area to get off the cold floor.

When Outdoors:

Paws

Be mindful of your dog's coat length and the length of hair your dog has around and on the bottoms of its paws. Remove snow and ice from your dog's paws and coat as soon as possible as it can wedge between paw pads and toes and is very painful. Check for frostbitten skin on your dog's ears, tail and feet pads.

Area Conditions

Be mindful of safety conditions when exercising your dog in outdoor locations. Lakes, rivers, streams or ponds may appear to be frozen enough to support the weight of your dog - but your dog could break through the ice and become injured or drown.



Melting Products

Snow and ice melting products can contain toxins and chemicals that can be harmful to your dog. Read all labels and take caution when using such products. Store them in a safe location not accessible to your dog. Be sure to wipe and dry your dog's paws when coming indoors to remove such toxins and chemicals. Better yet - use sand and gravel or dog safe products!