

# WINTER PET CARE

The cooler months have their advantages, like snow-covered trails in the North and a welcome “sweater weather” break in the South – but there are a new set of hazards to watch for as well.



## Antifreeze

The drip of antifreeze on the driveway is more than just an annoyance – it puts your pets at risk for poisoning. The syrupy liquid attracts cats and dogs, but can be fatal in even small quantities. Clean spills quickly.



## Cold

Just because your dog has a fur coat doesn't mean they don't need a little extra winter protection. If your dog has a belly that hangs low to the ground, consider a coat with stomach coverage.



## Snow

If you live in a climate that will see snow this winter – remember to check your pet's paws. Snow and ice can become stuck in the pads of their paws and cause a painful and harmful irritation.



## Fleas & ticks

Flea and Tick prevention is a year-long responsibility. Not all pet owners are aware that Fleas and Ticks present a real danger all year long – especially if you live in a warmer area.



## Tinsel & ribbon

Tinsel and ribbon offer severe choking risks for both cats and dogs. If you have a pet, or will be visited by a family member's pet over the holidays, it is safest to say no to tinsel.



## Trees

Rambunctious dogs and curious cats may find it hard to resist real or artificial trees. Not only are pine needles dangerous when ingested, but the stagnant water at the base can be toxic to your pets.



## Electrical

The twinkling lights custom to the holiday season are typically accompanied by a scattering of extension cords. Keep these cords away from cats and dogs, especially those prone to chewing. When possible, purchase cord covers or secure cords.



## Candles

For some, the holiday season isn't the same without the warm and cozy glow of candles. Whether the candle is enclosed or freestanding, always keep the safety of your pet in mind. Don't leave your pets unattended around lit candles.