

SEASONAL SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Here are a few simple measures you can take to make sure your dog stays happy and healthy throughout the winter.

- Avoid Thin Ice. ...
- Protect Your Dog's Paws. ...
- Trim Foot Fuzz. ...
- Clean Your Dog's Feet. ...
- Limit Dog's Time Outside. ...
- Stay In. ...
- Bundle Your Dog Up. ...
- Consider Your Dog's Age.

Help Your Dog Beat the Heat

- Give your dog a shady spot to hang out on hot days or keep him inside where there's air-conditioning. Doghouses are not good shelter in the summer because they can trap heat.
- Fill a child-size wading pool with fresh water for your dog to cool off in.
- Never leave your dog in a closed vehicle on a hot day. The temperature inside a car can reach 100 degrees in just 20 minutes.
- Provide plenty of cool, fresh water.
- Avoid exercising your dog strenuously on extremely hot days. Take walks in the early mornings or evenings, when the sun's heat is less intense.
- Avoid exposing your dog to hot asphalt or sand for any prolonged period; it can burn his paws.
- Be mindful of your dog's breed. Dogs that are brachycephalic (have a short head and snout), such as Bulldogs, Boxers, Japanese Chin, and Pekingese, have an especially hard time in the heat because they do not pant as efficiently as longer-nosed dogs. Keep your brachycephalic dog inside with air-conditioning.