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Winter Hazards



During the winter months, antifreeze poisoning is one of the most common seasonal hazards for our pets.

Ethylene glycol is a toxin in antifreeze that is lethal, so it is imperative to protect your pets from ingesting the substance even though it is such a common part of our human lives.

Antifreeze containers should always be stored in a secure location that is out of paw's reach. This is especially important for curious pets that like to "investigate" places like the garage or in cupboards.

But the risk goes beyond a pet accidentally stumbling across a container. Often times radiators drip antifreeze, and the sweet taste can tempt pets to lick up an excess that comes out of your vehicle.

There are a variety of symptoms associated with antifreeze poisoning, such as uncoordinated or "drunk" movement, nausea, diarrhea, excessive urination, weakness, fainting, seizures, and even comas.

If you suspect your pet has succumbed to antifreeze poisoning, seek veterinary care immediately.

There are also a number of other cold weather hazards for pets, namely making sure they don't spend too much time outdoors. Be sure to keep your pets indoors at night and limit their time exposed to the elements.

Here are some more winter pet safety tips to keep your furry friend safe and sound:

Cold Weather Safety

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NO DAMP TRAMPS

If you use a garment like a dog sweater, always make sure it stays dry and change it if it becomes damp. Wet clothing can actually make a pet colder.



2

GET A CHECKUP

Bring your pet in for an exam. Cold weather can exacerbate health issues, so getting a checkup is important even for pets that seem healthy.



3

CATS LOVE CARS

Cats are attracted to the warmth of cars, so make sure to always tap on the hood to alert any sleeping animals that could be injured when the car starts.



4

MICROCHIP

Snow can affect a pet's sense of smell and ability to find their way, so microchip your pet and give them an identification tag so they can be returned to you.



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EMERGENCY

Cold weather can also result in some emergency situations like power outages. Make sure you have an emergency plan for your family that includes your pet.

For More Information:

<https://www.petmd.com/dog/slideshows/seasonal/5-deadliest-outdoor-dangers-pets-winter>



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