

SHIVER ME WHISKERS

Keep Pets Safe in Winter Months.

1 THE COLD OUTDOORS

See a dog out in the cold without proper shelter? Contact local law enforcement. Dogs left in extreme temperatures, especially without food and shelter, are at risk of **hypothermia, death, and frostbite.**



DID YOU KNOW? Animal neglect is a misdemeanor crime in all 50 states.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- 🕒 Note the date, time, exact location, and type of animal(s) involved.
- 📞 Jot as many details as possible before contacting animal control or local law enforcement with your complaint.
- 📞 Follow up in a few days if the situation has not been remedied.

CATS GET COLD, TOO:

- 📦 If your neighborhood plays host to a feral cat community, you can easily repurpose foam cooler bins to create safe, insulated shelters.

2 PAW PROTECTION

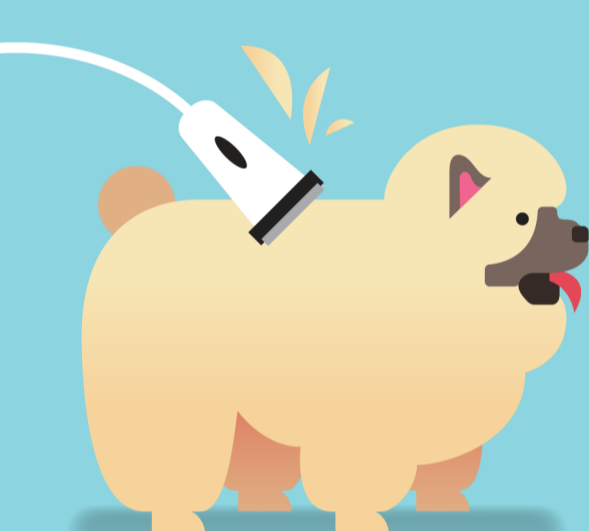


Daily walks in the cold can harm your dog's paws. Keep them moisturized to protect against salt and chemical agents.

- 🐾 Use pet booties to minimize contact with painful salt crystals, poisonous anti-freeze and chemical ice-melting agents.
- 📦 Apply a dollop of petroleum jelly to their paw pads before going outside.

3 DO & DON'T

DON'T



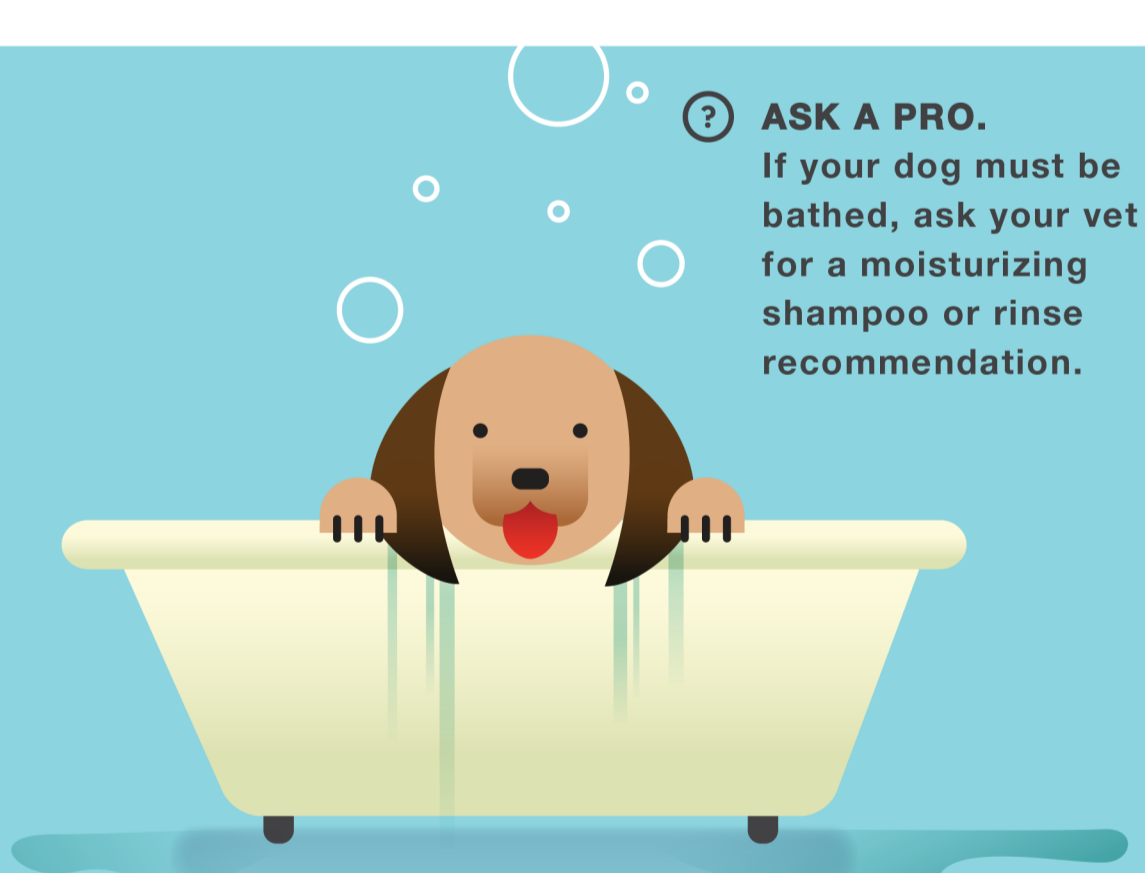
Closely shave your dog in winter. Longer coats mean more warmth.

DO



Consider a coat or sweater for shorthaired breeds. Coverage from the base of the tail to the belly provides extra warmth.

4 DITCH THE BATH



ASK A PRO. If your dog must be bathed, ask your vet for a moisturizing shampoo or rinse recommendation.

Reduce bathing frequency during cold spells. Drying can take too long, and washing too often can deplete essential oils and increase dry, flaky skin.

5 CHECK BEFORE YOU REV



Outdoor, stray and feral cats sometimes sleep under car hoods to stay warm. But the fan belt can injure or kill a cat when the motor starts. To avoid catastrophe: Bang loudly on your hood before starting the engine to give the cat a chance to escape.

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