



SHIVER ME WHISKERS

Keep Pets Safe in Winter Months.

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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.**


i 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.

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PAW PROTECTION



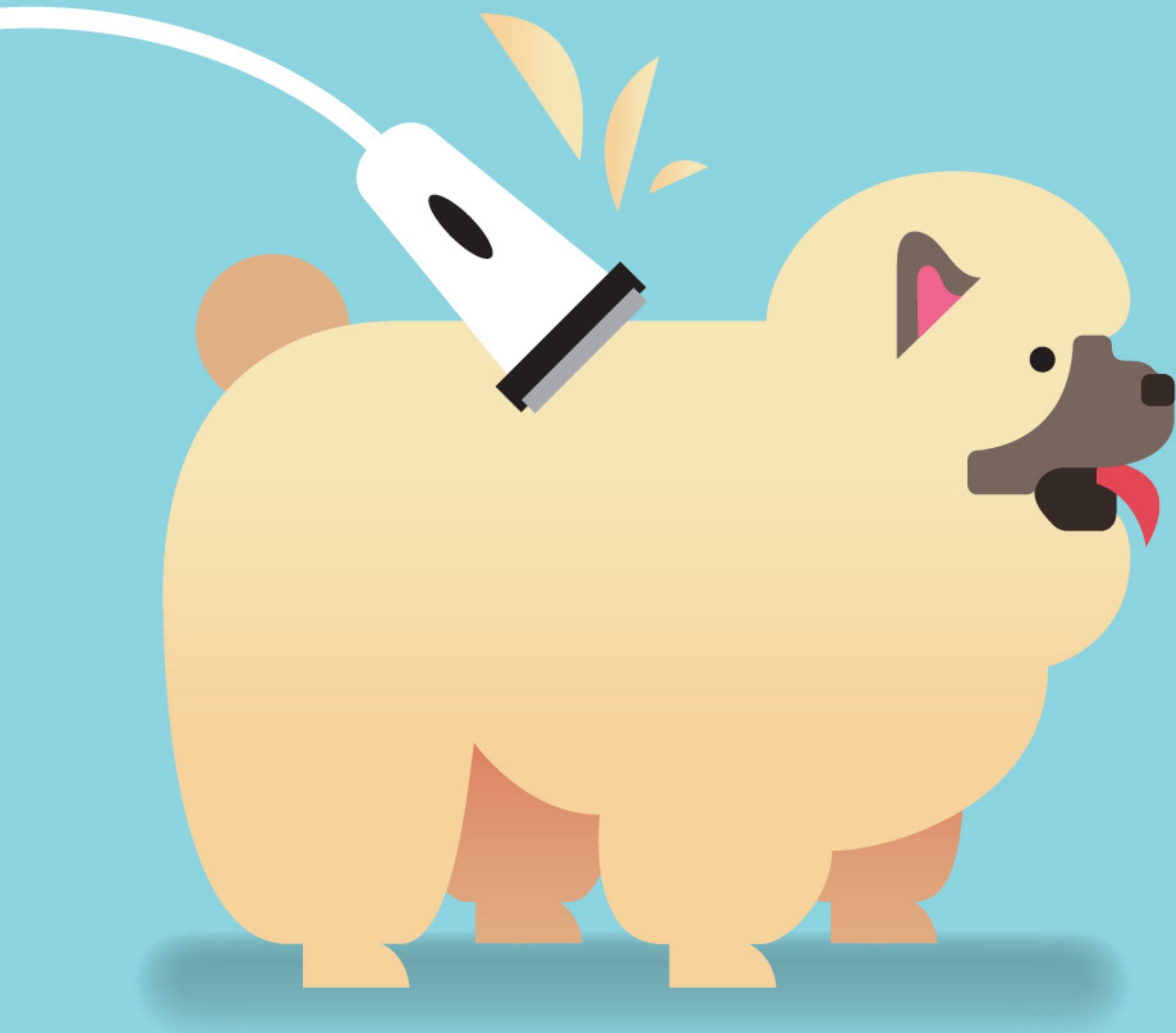
Daily walks in the cold can harm your dog's paws. Keep them moisturized to protect against salt and chemical agents.

👉 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.

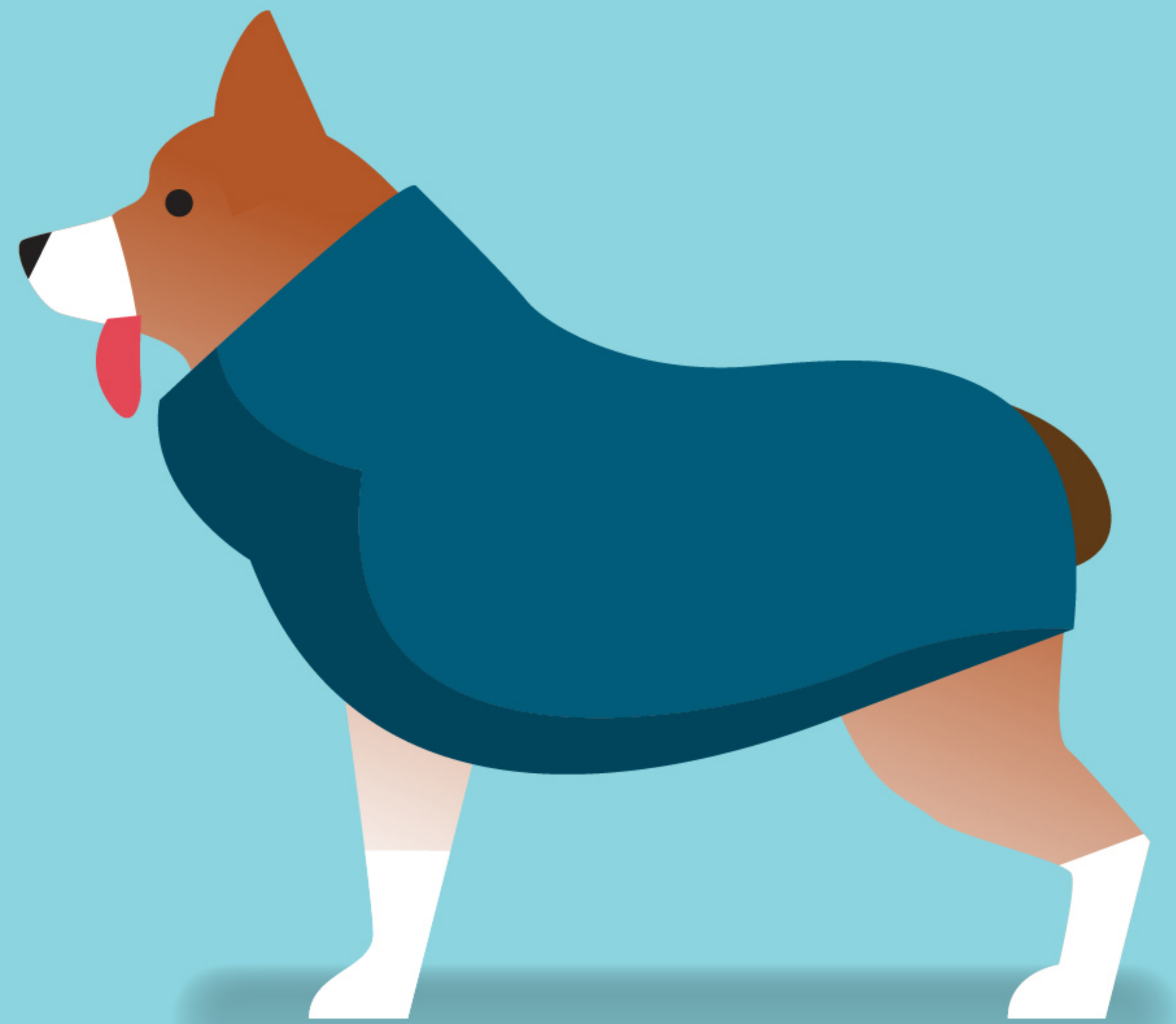
DO & DON'T

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.

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.

An illustration of the underside of a car hood. The hood is light blue with two darker blue curved lines representing the fan belt area. A grey cat is curled up under the hood on the left side. A brown, irregular shape representing a cat is on the right side, partially under the fan belt. The background is light blue with two white circles on the left and right sides.

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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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