

PET SAFETY CHECKLIST

Wag'N wants to help you answer 'YES' to these preparedness questions and more.

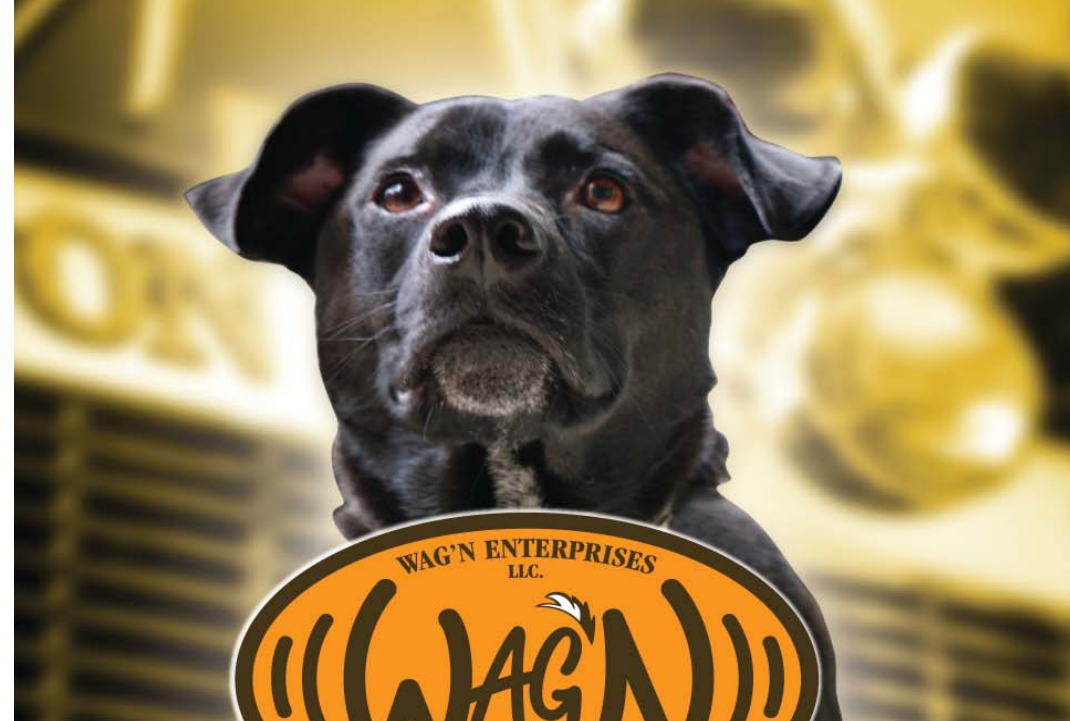
- YES NO
- Do you have a Wag'N Pet First Aid Kit®?
 - Do you know the skills of Pet First Aid?
 - Do you have an all-season, all-hazards evacuation and shelter in place plan that involves your pet(s)?
 - If you live somewhere where you expect snow or ice, have you purchased a pet-friendly deicer/salt?
 - Do you know what to do if your pet gets frostbite and/or hypothermia?
 - February is National Pet Dental Health Month. Do you have a healthy dental cleaning regiment for your pet?
 - Do you know which shelters you can take your pets to if your city or region is evacuated?
 - Do you carry a Wag'N Pet Passport® for each pet and carry it everywhere you go - keeping immunization records and ownership information handy?
 - Do you have Wag'N Home Alert Stickers displayed at your residence's entrances - letting first responders know you have pet(s) inside?

Start preparing TODAY!

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The winter season brings many occasions to celebrate and enjoy the snowy weather. However, it is also a time for heightened pet safety with the introduction of seasonal plants, foods and cold weather products. Below are several items to keep out of your pet's reach as well as several cold weather tips since winter temperatures can plummet hourly and pets should be kept safe from the effects of these frigid conditions.

Chemical and Weather Related Hazards

ANTIFREEZE AND WINDSHIELD WASHER FLUID

Antifreeze products containing ethylene glycol are highly toxic and can produce life-threatening kidney damage, even in small amounts. For example, just one tablespoon of 50-50 water-diluted antifreeze can be lethal to a 10-pound cat, and as little as 4 ounces given to a 20-pound dog could be fatal. Many **windshield washer** products contain methanol, which if ingested can cause drooling, vomiting, drunkenness and severe central nervous system depression.

ICE MELTS/DEICERS

Ice melt products may contain ingredients that can be very irritating to the skin and gastrointestinal tract, and could also potentially result in more severe effects including depression, weakness, disorientation, low blood pressure, cardiac problems, seizures, coma and even death depending on the type of ice melt and circumstances of exposure. Wipe off your dog's foot pads and stomach fur after returning from the outdoors.

COLD WEATHER

Keep your pets warm and indoors. As always cats should stay inside. Since cats left outdoors may stay warm in car wheel wells or under hoods, you should awake any sleeping animals by rapping on your car hood before starting the engine. Trips outside should remain short during the winter months. While dogs need outdoor exercise, lengthy walks can prove harmful especially when wind chill is a factor.

ARTHRITIS AND WINTER

Cold, damp weather aggravates arthritis. Arthritis can appear in young pets, but is most common in the middle age and geriatric pets. A fracture can also make the bone susceptible to arthritis after the injury is healed. Over-weight pets suffer from arthritis more than their normal-weight counterparts. If your pet is having trouble getting up or laying down, navigating the stairs, or has started to snap or cry when picked up, a visit to the veterinarian is in order. Many new arthritis treatments are available, both natural and medicinal.

HEATERS AND RADIATORS

Keep those radiators and heaters covered. Pets have a tendency to be impulsive and curious, e.g., your cat streaking through the living room chasing a laser pointer or your dog caught up in serious pursuit of his own tail. These charming traits can, unfortunately, also lead them to unwittingly approach a hot radiator or space heater with the risk of getting seriously burned. Protect your pets from this pending disaster by covering those radiators and heaters or keeping them away from your pets altogether. House pets have been known to knock over a small space heater which, in turn, can start a house fire.

FAN BELT

To keep warm, cats will crawl into the engine compartment of a vehicle and are injured when the engine starts before they can exit. If you leave our car outside or in a garage where cats might be, remember to beep your horn and wait five to ten seconds before starting your engine. The kitty you save may be your own or a neighbor's pet seeking a temporary warming house.

RODENT POISONS

As the weather starts to get colder, people in urban areas begin to have furry little visitors try to move in with them. Out comes the "**mouse bait.**" Be very careful with these poisons as accidental pet ingestion is disastrous. The ingredients have become much more deadly and longer acting and the packaging has become more attractive to pets. Consider using one of the various mouse traps or ultrasonic devices available on the market.



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