

ASK OUR VETERINARIANS

We all know the dangers to our pets in hot weather. But do we always consider the dangers of cold weather? We probably know not to leave our dogs outside too long ; they let us know quite quickly when they want to come in! If you have a short haired dog or a very lean dog, you may want to buy a nice sweater or body cover to keep them warm. Even in cold weather, you still need to use caution when leaving your pet in the car. When the engine is turned off, the car quickly becomes like a refrigerator, insulating the cold weather inside. Small dogs are at especially high risk for becoming hypothermic. Using salt is often a necessity to help keep our sidewalks and driveways ice free. Unfortunately, some dogs have a tendency to intentionally or unintentionally ingest the salt, which can cause health problems. In general, if you treat your dog the way you prefer to be treated in cold weather, they will likely be just fine.

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