

Winter Warmer Guide

FOR DOGS

1 Be sure to wrap your dog up on winter walks - dog coats come in many shapes & sizes.

2 Check if it's too cold for walks: As a general rule of thumb, between 4 & -1 degrees Celsius starts to become a concern. Small and medium dogs will struggle down to -4, so short walks & coats are advisable. Anything colder can be dangerous and potentially life-threatening to most dogs so time outdoors should be limited.

3 Stay away from frozen lakes or rivers, which can be deadly if dogs fall in.

4 Try getting your pet used to dog booties to protect them from frostbite and salt poisoning.

5 Invest in a packable padded mat so your dog doesn't have to sit or lie on a cold surface.

6 Dry & warm-up your dog after walks: blankets, paw/body soak in warm water, a drink of warm water with kibble & relaxing by the fire can help.



Signs of hypothermia:
Include shivering, lethargy & difficulty walking

Signs of salt poisoning:
Include depression, weakness, ataxia, muscle tremors, gastroenteritis & seizure-like activity

If you are concerned about your dog this winter, call our vet practice