

# Winter Woes

## PET WELFARE TIPS FOR WINTER

Winter can be beautifully picturesque with snow falling and icicles gracing the air, but don't forget extreme wintry weather is also a threat to our cats, dogs, and rabbits. Take a look at our top tips to help keep your pets happy and healthy during the winter months.

### Cat



Ensure they always have a warm place to take shelter or rest in.



Get your cat fitted with a microchip so if they do wander off, you have a better chance of being reunited.



Poinsettia and lilies are popular Christmas plants but they are actually poisonous and deadly to your kitty.



Cats that usually go to the toilet outdoors should also have a litter tray indoors. This avoids accidents if they do not feel like going outside.

### Dog



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



Check paws for salt and grit and wash off immediately.



Adjust their food if necessary, but do talk to your veterinarian first.



Stay away from frozen lakes or rivers, which can be deadly for pets.



Keep chocolate out of your dog's reach.

### Rabbit



Hutches should be positioned so that wind, rain, snow, or sleet can't blow in. You may want to bring them indoors and provide extra bedding.



Give them lots of good quality hay to nibble on to build up extra energy.



Check their water bottle regularly as the little ball can easily freeze. Make sure they are drinking and eating throughout the day.



If you are worried about your pet or have any queries, call our friendly team for advice.