

Pawsitive Thoughts for Winter

During December, we have a special adoption event for our dogs and a microchip event to keep pets safe. The cold weather has arrived and its important to take special care of your pet when they're outside. We'll give you information on protecting your pet during holiday parties to keep them safe.

Joliet Township Animal Control

Home for the Howlidays

Dog Adoption Special for the month of December!!

Microchipping Event for the month of December: \$10 Microchipping for your dogs and/or cats. (\$10 cash/\$15 on card)

No appointment needed. Available 10am-2pm, M-F.

Dogs must be on a leash and cats must be in a carrier





WINTER WEATHER TIPS

- Keep pets indoors & out of the cold
- Remove snow from between paw pads
- Use pet friendly ice melt
- Provide fresh, unfrozen water while outside
- Consider a coat or sweater for short haired dogs
- If wet, towel dry pet as soon as he/she comes inside
- Check your engine for cats/wildlife before you leave.



| * how cold is too cold? | | | | | | |
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| °C 🖟 °F | | M | | M | ! KEY | OTHER FACTORS |
| 15° | 60° | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1. No evidence of risk: Have fun outside! 2. Risk is unlikely: Have fun outside, but be careful! | +2 If wet weather |
| 12° | 55° | 1 | 0 | 0 | | is present |
| 10° | 50° | 1 | 0 | 0 | | If Northern breed or |
| 7 ° | 45° | 2 | 2 | 0 | | heavy coat |
| 4 ° | 40° | 3 | 3 | 2 | | If dog is acclimated |
| 1° | 35° | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3. Unsafe potential, depending on breed. Keep an eye on your pet outdoors. | to cold |
| -1° | 30° | 3 | 3 | 3 | | *** |
| -4° | 25° | 4 | 4 | 3 | | ** |
| -6° | 20° | 5 | 4 | 3 | 4. Dangerous weather developing. Use caution. | *** |
| -9° | 15° | 5 | 4 | 4 | | |
| -12° | 10° | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5. Potentially life-threatening cold. Avoid prolonged outdoor activity. | Way - |
| -15° | 5° | 5 | 5 | 5 | | |
| -17° | 0° | 5 | 5 | 5 | | 1 |
| Sourc | Source: adapted from The Tufts Animal Care and Condition (TACC) scales | | | | | |



Pets & Parties

9 tips for pet safety when entertaining

- Plan ahead. If you know your pet is averse to loud noise or strangers, you may
 want to board them or hire a pet sitter. If your pet is anxious or over excitable,
 you may even want to administer a mild sedative before the party. Knowing
 your pet's comfort level around crowds is key to making the right
 arrangements for them.
- 2. Create some quiet space. If you want to entertain with your four-legged friend, that is great. However, it is important to have a pet safe space for your pet to relax in. White noise from a radio, some treats, and favorite items can make them feel more at ease.
- 3. Don't force it. When the doorbell keeps ringing and new people start pouring in, make sure to introduce your pet slowly. If he is uncomfortable, allow him

- to go back to his safe spot. Also, don't force guests to deal with a dog who jumps on them in excitement at the door.
- 4. Keep food and booze out of reach. Alcohol, Xylitol (found in baked goods and candies), chocolate, grapes and raisins, onions and garlic, and other items are toxic to pets.
- 5. Keep pets away from both the buffet table as well as away from food that ends up in the trash. If your pet is likely to steal from guests, remember that guests are distracted and won't be constantly guarding their glasses or plates.
- 6. Ask party goers not to feed your pet. Your pet will likely be in full force when it comes to begging. Request that guests do not dole out any treats to pets.
- 7. Appoint a pet guardian. If you are too busy being the host/hostess, we recommend asking a family member or friend to keep an eye on your pet while you entertain.
- 8. Keep it mellow. You may be the life of the party, with big crowds and rocking music, but this may not be appreciated by your pet. Keep invitees to a reasonable number and the sound at a fun but moderate volume.
- 9. Wrap it up. When people are leaving, make sure to watch your pet closely. Many animals escape accidentally through an open door or gate. You may wish to move your pet to another room, like their safe space, when you are saying your goodbyes.

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