Cold Weather Tips

**PROVIDE SHELTER**
At 32°F or less, no owned animal should be left outdoors unless they have access to a well-insulated structure that:
- Is large enough to curl up in and has a wind block at the door
- Includes a heated water bowl so they have access to an unfrozen water source
- Has a floor, is elevated from the ground, has cedar shavings, dry straw or the equivalent and has heating or an outdoor heating pad

**WALKING YOUR DOG**
- Consider shortening your walks if the temperature is too frigid & increase indoor exercise.
- Ask your vet if your pet may benefit from additional clothing beyond their “fur coat” in chilly weather.
- Watch for any signs of injury or extreme cold to their paws, especially in snow or ice.

**WARNING SIGNS**
Signs that an animal may be getting too cold include:
- Trembling
- Sleepiness
- Slowed Breathing
- Mobility Issues
- Dry Skin
- Numbness
- Illness

Hot Weather Tips

**PROTECT YOUR PETS**
- Keep your pets indoors when possible
- Limit outdoor exercise to early morning/evening
- Provide pets with extra, cool water sources
- Consider dog booties for hot pavement, *(hold your bare foot on the ground for 7 seconds, if it is too hot for bare feet, it is too hot for bare paws)*
- Never chain your pet
- Never leave your pet in a vehicle unattended
- Keep long-haired animal coats trimmed down
- Take EXTRA precautions if your animal is older, obese or short-nosed
- Look out for signs of heatstroke, including panting, vomiting, warm/dry skin & collapsing

**GOT OUTDOOR PETS?**
- ALWAYS provide a well-shaded & ventilated shelter
- ALWAYS provide non-metal, spill-proof water bowls
- Baby pools & sunscreen can also help keep pets safe

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Get your dog to a Veterinarian as soon as possible!
Wythe County Veterinarians
(Alphabetical Order)

ANIMAL CARE CLINIC, LLC
3649 Stoney Fork Road, Wytheville, VA 24382
(276) 228-2727 • www.WythevilleAnimalCare.com
Tues, Wed, Thur, Fri: 8a-5p • Sat: 8a-12p • Sun, Mon: Closed

COMMUNITY ANIMAL CLINIC, INC
995 South 3rd Street, Wytheville, VA 24382
(276) 223-1234 • www.CommunityAnimalClinic.net
Mon-Fri: 8a-5:30p • Sat: 8a-12p • Sun: Closed

LOCAL RESCUE GROUPS
(Alphabetical Order)

BRISTOL HUMANE SOCIETY: “MARGARET B. MITCHELL SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC”
Provides reduced cost spay & neuter services.
16222 Lee Highway, Bristol, VA 24202
(276) 591-5790 • www.MBMSpayNeuterClinic.org
Mon-Fri: 8a-4p • Sat, Sun: Closed

LOST FANTASY RESCUE
Spay & neuter cost assistance to qualifying individuals.
Assistance offered for other vetting based on need.
Provides food for owned pets/feral colonies as needed.
Provides shelters & bedding for dogs in need.
LostFantasyStables@yahoo.com
www.LostFantasyStables.com

MOUNTAIN VIEW HUMANE
SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC
Limited service clinic with high quality care at a low-cost, with a focus on spay/neuter efforts.
Provides transportation for pets located outside immediate service area.
Hosts vaccination clinics for spayed/neutered pets.
Provides financial assistance for qualifying clients.
225 Industrial Drive, Christiansburg, VA 24073
(540) 382-0222 • (855) 447-7647 • info@MVHClinic.org
www.MVHClinic.org

WBAWL “THE WYTHE-BLAND ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE”
Free scheduled transport to low cost spay/neuter clinic,
along with financial assistance for qualifying individuals.
(276) 613-3695 • www.WBAWL.com

Did You Know?
If a female dog or cat remains unspayed and is allowed to reproduce unchecked, look what can happen in six short years! Population explosion!!!

The benefits of spaying & neutering far outweigh the cost!
REDUCE Spraying & Marking
REDUCE Roaming
REDUCE Aggression
LOWER Risk of Cancers
DECREASE Overpopulation
INCREASE Lifespan by 3-5 Years

State Law Companion Animal Requirements
Each owner shall provide for each of his companion animals:

- Adequate feed & water;
- Adequate shelter that is properly cleaned with adequate space in the primary enclosure for the particular type of animal depending upon its age, size, species, and weight;
- Adequate exercise;
- Adequate care, treatment, and transportation; and Veterinary care when needed to prevent suffering or disease transmission.