

Paws For News

from the Humane Society of Boulder Valley



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MEDIA ALERT

HUMANE SOCIETY OF BOULDER VALLEY EARLY CLOSURE TODAY & DELAYED OPENING TOMORROW DUE TO WINTER WEATHER, OFFERS WINTER SAFETY TIPS FOR PETS

Wednesday, October 28:

- Adoption Center, Shelter and Veterinary Clinic closing early at 3 p.m.
- All animal training classes are canceled for this evening and will be rescheduled
- Dog Adoption Center volunteer training is canceled and will be rescheduled

Thursday, October 29:

- Adoption Center, Shelter and Veterinary Clinic will delay opening until 1 p.m.
- Tails on Trails volunteer training is canceled and will be rescheduled

Please check our website at boulderhumane.org for updates and changes

Boulder, CO (October 28, 2009) – Due to extreme winter weather in the Boulder Valley area, the Humane Society of Boulder Valley is closing its Animal Adoption Center, Shelter and Veterinary Clinic early today at 3 p.m. All animal training classes are canceled for this evening, and the Dog Adoption Center volunteer training is also canceled. The Animal Adoption Center, Shelter and Veterinary Clinic will delay opening tomorrow until 1 p.m., and the Tails on Trails volunteer training scheduled for tomorrow evening has been canceled.

Please check our website at boulderhumane.org for updates and changes. People with animal-related emergencies should call Boulder Animal Care & Control at 303-441-3333 or contact any of our emergency veterinary resources posted on our website.

Cold Weather Tips for Pets

From the ASPCA and Humane Society of Boulder Valley

Brrrr...it's cold and snowy outside! The following guidelines will help you protect your companion animals when the mercury dips.

1. Keep your cat inside. Outdoors, felines can freeze, become lost or be stolen, injured or killed. Cats who are allowed to stray also are exposed to infectious diseases, including rabies, from other cats, dogs and wildlife.
2. During the winter, outdoor cats sometimes sleep under the hoods of cars. When the motor is started, the cat can be injured or killed by the fan belt. If there are outdoor cats in your area, bang loudly on the car hood before starting the engine to give the cat a chance to escape.
3. Never let your dog off the leash on snow or ice, especially during a snowstorm—dogs can lose their scent and easily become lost. More dogs are lost during the winter than during any other season, so make sure yours always wears ID tags.

4. Thoroughly wipe off your dog's legs and stomach when he comes in out of the sleet, snow or ice. He can ingest salt, antifreeze or other potentially dangerous chemicals while licking his paws, and his paw pads may also bleed from snow or encrusted ice.
5. Never shave your dog down to the skin in winter, as a longer coat will provide more warmth. When you bathe your dog in the colder months, be sure to completely dry him before taking him out for a walk. Own a short-haired breed? Consider getting him a coat or sweater with a high collar or turtleneck with coverage from the base of the tail to the belly. For many dogs, this is regulation winter wear.
6. Never leave your dog or cat alone in a car during cold weather. A car can act as a refrigerator in the winter, holding in the cold and causing the animal to freeze to death.
7. Puppies do not tolerate the cold as well as adult dogs, and may be difficult to housebreak during the winter. If your puppy appears to be sensitive to the weather, you may opt to paper-train him inside. If your dog is sensitive to the cold due to age, illness or breed type, take him outdoors only to relieve himself.
8. Does your dog spend a lot of time engaged in outdoor activities? Increase his supply of food, particularly protein, to keep him—and his fur—in tip-top shape.
9. Like coolant, antifreeze is a lethal poison for dogs and cats. Be sure to thoroughly clean up any spills from your vehicle, and consider using products that contain propylene glycol rather than ethylene glycol. Visit the [ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center](#) for more information.
10. Make sure your companion animal has a warm place to sleep, off the floor and away from all drafts. A cozy dog or cat bed with a warm blanket or pillow is perfect.

About the Humane Society of Boulder Valley

The Humane Society of Boulder Valley is a community-supported, open-door facility that provides shelter, medical care and behavioral rehabilitation to more than 8,000 animals a year. Since its inception in 1902, the shelter has become one of the most recognized nonprofit organizations in the community and a national leader in animal welfare. It is the mission of the Humane Society of Boulder Valley to protect and enhance the lives of companion animals by promoting healthy relationships between pets and people. Go to www.boulderhumane.org for more information.

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