

How to make Snow Days fun for Everyone

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Here are some great tips to remember when playing with your pups in the great outdoors:

1. Frostbite is your dog's winter hazard. To prevent frostbite on its ears, tail & feet, don't leave them out for long periods of time. Be attentive to their body temperature, especially during EXTREME WEATHER.
2. Adequate shelter is a necessity. Keep your dog warm, dry and away from drafts. Tiles & uncarpeted areas may become extremely cold, so make sure to place blankets and pads on floors in these areas.
3. Be extra careful when walking or playing with your dog near frozen lakes, rivers or ponds, as they could slip or jump in and be seriously injured.
4. Groom your dog regularly. A well-groomed coat will help keep them properly insulated. Short-or coarse-haired dogs may get extra cold; so consider a sweater or coat. Long-haired dogs should have excess hair around the toes and foot pads trimmed to ease snow removal & cleaning. When trimming, take care not to cut the pads or other delicate areas of the foot.
5. Feed them additional calories, if they do spend alot of time outdoors or are a working animal. It takes more energy in the winter to keep body temperature regulated, so additional calories are necessary.
6. Towel or blow-dry your dog if it gets wet from rain or snow. It's important to also dry & clean its paws - as this helps avoid cut or cracked pads. Some petroleum jelly may soften the pads and prevent further cracking.

VERY IMPORTANT: At no time should you leave your dog alone in a car, without proper precautions. If the car engine is left on, carbon monoxide could endanger its' life. If the engine is off, the inside temperature will get TOO COLD for them. No one likes to be uncomfortable, especially older dogs, prone to arthritis.

It's important to pay special attention to their well-being during these months. Remember the following health concerns:

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~~to get the best results, you should use a high-quality snow machine. This will ensure that the snow is soft and fluffy, and will last for a long time. You should also use a snow machine that is designed for outdoor use, as this will ensure that the snow is safe for your dog and other animals. Finally, you should use a snow machine that is easy to use and maintain. This will ensure that you can enjoy your snow machine for many years to come.~~