

# Protect YOUR PETS

## SUGAR LAND PETOPIA

## HOW TO PREPARE FOR THE COLD

### Provide Shelter

Pets should not be left outdoors without access to a well-insulated structure. The structure must block wind from the entrance, provide enough space for the pet to lie down, include water, be elevated off of the ground, and contain warm/dry blankets, straw, or heating pad.

### Be Aware & Prepare

Prepare with a pet care kit in the event of a power outage where you may need to leave quickly. Wild animals and outdoor cats may seek refuge inside of your vehicle, particularly by the engine and tires. Make plenty of noise and check before driving away.

### Health Check

Monitor your pets. If your pet is too cold, they might: shake, tremble, have a change in behavior such as sleepiness, slowed breathing, mobility issues, dry skin, illness, or numbness.

### Walking & Play

It is still important your pet gets exercise during winter months. Consider shorter walks or exercise indoors. Consider giving your pet a sweater or something to cover up. Monitor your pet's paws for injury, especially in snow and ice and dry after.



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