

Cold Winter Checklist Page 1

When you're snowed in, it's important to ensure the safety and well-being of your pets. Here's a checklist to help you prepare for a snowed-in event with your furry friends:

- Stock up on supplies:
 - Pet food
 - Medications
 - Water
- Warm and cozy shelter:
 - Warm indoor bed
 - Comfy blanket & snuggle toys
- Emergency Kit for Pets:
 - Include first aid supplies, grooming tools, & meds.
 - Include favorite toys & blankets.
- Proper Identification:
 - Collar with embroidered name or name tag
 - Microchip with current information.
 - Recent photo of your pet in case they go missing.
 - Print records & photo + keep a digital file on your phone or in the cloud.
- Safe Outdoor Access:
 - Shovel a path in the snow to a safe area.
 - Avoid exposure to cold temperatures.
 - If it's too cold for you, it's too cold for them.
- Exercise and Mental Stimulation:
 - Engage in indoor activities to keep your pet mentally stimulated, such as puzzle toys or playtime.
 - If it's safe, play in the snow with your pet for short periods to provide exercise.

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- Emergency Contact Information:
 - Have contact information for your veterinarian, local animal shelters in case of emergencies.
 - Have a copy of your pets' microchip numbers.
- Heating Precautions:
 - Be cautious with heating devices to prevent burns or other injuries to your pets.
 - Ensure that any space heaters or warming pads are pet-safe.
- Plan for Evacuation:
 - Have a plan in case you need to evacuate. Identify pet-friendly shelters or accommodations in advance.
 - Use a sturdy carrier for small pets and ensure you have a leash and harness for larger animals.
 - Write your information on each carrier.
- Communication:
 - Inform neighbors about your pets, especially if you need to leave them unattended for a short period.
 - Keep a list of friends or family who could assist with your pets if needed.
 - Give your emergency contacts your pets' information.

Remember that each pet is unique, so adapt these guidelines based on your pet's specific needs, health conditions, and preferences. Stay informed about weather conditions and follow any guidance provided by local authorities during a snowstorm.