

Pooper Monthly

Baby it's COLD Outside!

I hate to say this but it appears that winter is knocking our door for another year. What does that mean? All the usual hassles of cold weather; shoveling the walk to keep our friends and neighbours safe, cleaning snow and ice from our cars to keep our family safe, and bundling those kids up to keep them safe. But there is another member of the family that needs to be considered when it comes to playing it safe during these cold weather months. Our pets! Just like us they are not impervious to the dangers of prolonged exposure to below freezing temperatures. Winter's cold air brings many concerns for responsible



dog owners. Let's keep the following precautions in mind:

- Don't leave your dog outside in the cold for long periods of time. Wind chill makes days colder than actual temperature readings.
- Adequate shelter is a necessity. Keep your dog warm, dry and away from drafts. Tiles and uncarpeted areas may become extremely cold, so make sure to place blankets and pads on floors in these areas.
- 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 and cleaning.
- It is important to dry and clean their paws too. This helps avoid tiny cuts and cracked pads. A little petroleum jelly may soften the pads and prevent further cracking.
- Don't leave your dog alone in a car. If the car engine is left on, the carbon monoxide will endanger your dog's life. If the engine is off, the temperature in the car will get too cold.

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Did you know:

- ☺ That dogs are NOT color blind? They just can't see the color as vividly as humans.
- ☺ If never spayed or neutered, a female dog, her mate, and their puppies can produce over 66,000 dogs in as little as six years?
- ☺ The US has the highest dog population in the world? France is second.
- ☺ The average city dog lives three years longer than a country dog?

Pooper of the Month

Pooh Busters is proud to present Karma as November's Pooper of the Month! She's all dressed up for Christmas already!



Get your dog featured as Pooper of the Month! Email pics and bios to Big Nate at poohbusters@shaw.ca today!

City of Calgary Animal Services

I wanted to take the time to give an honorable mention to the City of Calgary Animal Services Section. The other day my wife and I were walking our dog in the neighbourhood as we do every day. We happened upon a stray Bichon cross.

She was very friendly and cute. There was no sign of her owners anywhere. We asked around and finally brought her home. Fortunately she had a City of Calgary dog tag. We called 311, gave them the number on the tag and within one

hour, an officer showed up to take her back to her owners. Who of course, lived close by. He thanked us for our help and proceeded to take her safely back home. I now know the true value in registering our pets in event they escape.