



Keep Your Pet Safe: Hot Cars Can be Deadly

Even on mild days, parked cars can heat up fast. At 80°F, the inside of a car can reach 102°F in 10 minutes and 120°F in 30 minutes—dangerous for pets.

Leave Pets at Home

On warm days, keep pets at home with water, shade, and shelter. If they travel with you, bring water, a bowl, and a leash for breaks.

Follow the Law

In Grand Junction, leaving pets unsupervised outside stores or in hot cars is illegal and can lead to fines up to \$1,000.

Watch for Heat Stress

- **Signs:** Heavy panting, dizziness, glazed eyes, vomiting, or collapse.
- **What to do:** Move them to shade or AC, offer cool water, use cold towels, and get vet help fast.

Keep your pet safe—leave them at home when it's warm.



Keep Your Pet Safe and Warm This Winter

Most pets are safer indoors, except for short outdoor trips. Shorthaired breeds, kittens, senior pets, and cats shouldn't stay outside for long—cold weather and frostbite are dangerous.

Outdoor Shelter Tips

- Raise doghouses 2 inches off the ground, insulate them, and add fresh bedding.
- Use a door flap to block wind and snow.

Fresh Water & Nutrition

- Prevent freezing with heated bowls. Avoid metal bowls, which can freeze to tongues.
- Feed enough to maintain a healthy weight in cold weather.

Extra Care

- Bang on car hoods to scare away hidden animals.
- Small dogs or shorthaired breeds may need sweaters or jackets.

**Plan ahead to keep your pet cozy
and safe this winter!**