



# EXTREME WEATHER INFORMATION

Dogs can suffer and die from cold temperatures. To prevent possible casualties, we ask that you follow the guidelines below.

- **Stuff dog houses with straw.** A dog house is not enough to keep a dog warm. Dog houses should be stuffed with clean, dry straw. Straw adds a layer of insulation that helps keep the dog warm. Do NOT use blankets, they will get wet and freeze.
- **Check your dog routinely for frostbite and hypothermia.** Signs of frostbite and hypothermia include changes in skin color, skin soreness, swelling, weakness, shivering, slowed breathing, and body stiffness. If these signs occur, bring your dog inside immediately and contact a vet.
- **Provide fresh unfrozen water at all times.** You will need to fill/replace water several times a day to prevent freezing. Dogs can NOT get enough water from eating snow.
- **Feed your dog larger amounts of food.** Dogs burn more calories to stay warm in the winter.
- **During freezing weather (below 32), bring your dog inside at night.** Use a crate, basement, or bathroom if your dog is destructive while inside the home.
- **During extreme weather (below 20 or heavy snow), bring your dog inside as much as possible during both day and night.** Use a crate, basement, or bathroom if your dog is destructive while inside the home.

