



East River
VETERINARY CLINIC

WINTER SAFETY TIPS



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Burr it's cold outside!

- When bathing your pet in the winter, make sure they are completely dry before taking them outside to avoid frost bite.
- Always use a leash when walking your dog. More dogs are lost during the winter than any other season. Be sure that your pet has an ID collar or a Microchip.
- Avoid walking your dog on frozen ponds, lakes, or rivers, as loose pets can break through the ice and quickly succumb to hypothermia.
- When taking your pet outside for a bathroom break, stay with them. If it's too cold out for you to stand with them, it is probably too cold for your pet as well.
- Keep cats indoors during the winter. Cats can freeze without shelter, this is why they will seek heat under the hoods of automobiles. To avoid a tragic situation, bang on the hood of your car a few times before starting your engine.
- Clean your pets paws off thoroughly after playing in snow that may be contaminated with salt. Always use pet-safe salt when possible.

Don't eat that!!

While its important all year round to keep an eye out for toxic items that our fur babies can eat, the wintertime presents a few extra hazards to be aware of.

- **Salt and de-icers** can contain powerful chemicals that can be toxic if ingested or can cause paw pads to become dry and irritated. Always clean your pets' paws, legs, and abdomen thoroughly after being out in the snow and salt. Please use pet-safe salt when you can.
- **Antifreeze** is sadly very tasty to pets, and even small amounts can be deadly if ingested. Always look for non toxic antifreezes such as Peak Sierra Antifreeze and Coolant. You can also look for antifreeze products that contain propylene glycol rather than ethylene glycol.

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MEET OUR STAFF!

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Kayla started working in the veterinary field in 2017. She enjoys getting to know clients and helping them with their fur babies day by day. She has always had a passion for animals and loves when the pups greet her at her desk. Kayla was born and raised in Orange, CA and moved to Michigan back in 2016. She has a gray kitty named Clara Bow who loves to follow her everywhere she goes. Outside of work Kayla loves to spend time with her husband going on mini getaways, lounging at home with her cat, or hanging out with friends playing Bingo or Trivia at a bar.