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Hypothermia Prevention Guide

Hypothermia Risk Factors

- dog breeds with short and/or thin coats
 - small dogs
 - elderly dogs
 - young puppies

1. Always prioritize the safety of the animal by monitoring or limiting activity. Go slow and be patient!
2. Avoid ice, snow drifts, deep snow, and frozen water.
3. Make sure the animal is dressed in winter gear (sweater, coat, booties, etc.) if available.

Early Signs of Hypothermia and What To Do

lack of alertness
slow, shallow breathing

reluctance/refusal to keep walking

weakness/lethargy
low blood pressure

shivering (mild to severe)
muscle stiffness

- Move the dog inside.
- Wipe paws to remove ice and/or ice melt.
- Warm up slowly using blankets or clothing.

Contact the On-Call Manager immediately for assistance at 703.424.4168.