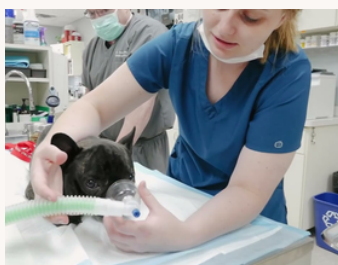


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SOUTH METRO ER CHRONICLES



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A little prevention during Minnesota's winter goes a long way in keeping pets safe and healthy.

In this edition, we're sharing important tips to help keep your pets safe this season, along with insights into common wintertime emergencies. No matter the time of day, our team is here 24/7 to provide expert emergency care whenever your pet needs us. Wishing you and your pets a fun and safe winter!

- The Team at South Metro Animal Emergency Care





WINTER PET EMERGENCIES AND HELPFUL TIPS



As winter lingers, we see an increase in seasonal hazards for pets. Common emergencies this time of year include antifreeze and rodenticide toxicity, paw injuries from ice and salt, cold exposure, and slips on icy surfaces.

❄️ **Watch for Ice Melt & Chemicals**

Ice melt, antifreeze, and de-icing agents are highly toxic. Wipe paws after walks and keep spills cleaned up immediately. Boots can help ice melt from getting into paw pads.

❄️ **Cold Weather & Icy Conditions**

Snow and ice increase the risk of falls, strains, and frostbite—especially for smaller or senior pets. Appropriate weather wear can help combat the cold, but limit time outside in extreme cold when possible.

🦌 **Leash Up in Changing Conditions**

Snowbanks, melting ice, and increased wildlife movement make leashing important to prevent injuries and unexpected encounters.

New Year, New Faces. Meet a few adorable puppies we helped bring into this world!



How we give back:



For our quarterly donation drive, we chose to work with Believet. Believet Canine Service Partners provide trained service dogs to veterans in need. This holiday season we were helping them collect donations to continue their mission.

