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The Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Ontario SPCA): Protecting animals since 1873, the Ontario SPCA is a registered charity comprised of over 50 Communities relying primarily on donations to fund animal protection, care and rehabilitation; advocacy; and humane education. The Ontario SPCA Act mandates the Society to enforce animal cruelty laws and provides Society investigators with police powers to do so - making the Ontario SPCA unique among animal welfare organizations in the province. The Ontario SPCA is an affiliated with the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

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# COLD WEATHER SAFETY



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# COLD WEATHER SAFETY

**EVEN WITH FUR COATS, PETS NEED TO BE PROTECTED FROM THE COLD. EXPOSURE TO HARSH CONDITIONS CAN CAUSE SERIOUS ILLNESS OR DEATH TO ANIMALS, PARTICULARLY DURING PERIODS OF FREEZING RAIN AND RAPID TEMPERATURE FLUCTUATIONS.**

ONTARIO'S LAWS REQUIRE THAT ANIMALS RECEIVE ADEQUATE SHELTER AND CARE. WILLFUL FAILURE TO DO SO COULD LEAD TO PROSECUTION AND A FINE, JAIL SENTENCE OR PROHIBITION FROM OWNING ANIMALS.

- **NEVER LEAVE YOUR PET ALONE IN A COLD CAR.** Cars retain cold temperatures, acting like refrigerators, which can cause your pet to freeze to death.
- **KEEP YOUR PETS WARM.** If it's too cold for you to stay outside, it's too cold for your pet. Although some breeds can withstand colder temperatures, it is important to supply adequate housing. View our *Ideal Doghouse* brochure.
- **KEEP ANIMALS AWAY FROM PUDDLES.** They may contain ethylene glycol found in antifreeze which can be fatal if ingested.
- **KEEP YOUR PETS AWAY FROM BODIES OF WATER.** With melting ice and rising water levels, lakes, ponds, and rivers can be extremely dangerous for you and your pet.
- **WIPE YOUR PET'S PAWS AND TUMMY.** Salt and ice melt can irritate and burn, and also be fatal if ingested.
- **ANIMALS SEEK WARMTH UNDER VEHICLE HOODS.** Try knocking on the hood of your car to scare them away before starting the engine.
- **A WARM PLACE TO SLEEP.** Ensure your pet has a thick and, cozy bed or blanket, located off the cold floor and away from drafts.
- **DRESS FOR THE WEATHER.** Use pet booties and winter sweaters designed for animals to help keep your pets warm during outdoor excursions.
- **PREPARE AN EMERGENCY PET SURVIVAL KIT.** You never know when a storm might prevent you from being able to leave the house for extended periods. Having an emergency pet survival kit could save a life.

## **PROHIBITIONS RE: DISTRESS, HARM TO AN ANIMAL PERMITTING DISTRESS**

SEC. 11.2 (2) NO OWNER OR CUSTODIAN OF AN ANIMAL SHALL PERMIT THE ANIMAL TO BE IN DISTRESS. 2008, C.16, S. 8. EVERY INDIVIDUAL WHO COMMITS AN OFFENCE UNDER CLAUSE (1) (B) OR (C) IS LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$60,000 OR TO IMPRISONMENT FOR A TERM OF NOT MORE THAN TWO YEARS, OR TO BOTH. 2008, C. 16, S. 16.

*Ontario Regulations 60/09 Standards of Care*

## **THE OSPCA ACT – STANDARDS OF CARE REQUIRES OUTDOOR DOGS TO HAVE THE FOLLOWING:**

SEC. 3 (1) Every dog that lives primarily outdoors must be provided with a structurally sound enclosure for its use at all times.

SEC. 3 (2) The enclosure must be weatherproofed and insulated.

SEC. 3 (3) The size and design of the enclosure must be adequate and appropriate for the dog. SEC. 3 (4) A chain, rope or similar restraining device used to tether a dog that lives primarily outdoors, (a) must be at least 3 meters long; (b) must allow the dog to move safely and unrestricted (except by its length); and (c) must allow the dog to have access to adequate and appropriate water and shelter.

**“DISTRESS” MEANS THE STATE OF BEING IN NEED OF PROPER CARE, WATER, FOOD OR SHELTER OR BEING INJURED, SICK OR IN PAIN OR SUFFERING OR BEING ABUSED OR SUBJECT TO UNDUE OR UNNECESSARY HARDSHIP, PRIVATION OR NEGLECT.**

## **CRIMINAL CODE OF CANADA**

Causing Unnecessary Suffering CC SEC. 445.1 (1) (A)

Offence: Willfully causing or permitting unnecessary pain, suffering or injury to an animal or bird.

Abandonment CC SEC. 446 (1) (B)

Offence: Abandoning a domestic animal or bird over which you have custody of while it is in distress or willfully neglecting or failing to provide suitable and adequate food, water, shelter and care for it.