

# On The Record

## Cold Weather Safety Tips for Pets

Keep these tips in mind with inclement weather conditions

With the weather getting colder, windier, and potentially snowy, Greenhill Humane Society wants to encourage pet families to take extra precaution before heading out on adventures. Dry, cold air, chilly rain, sleet, and snow can cause chapped paws, itchy skin, and other discomforts to your pet.

"The Willamette valley will be experiencing severe winter weather, so it is important that we make sure our pets are warm and safe in the extreme cold and snow," said Megan Brezovar, Greenhill's Engagement & Humane Education Manager. "One easy way to make sure your pets feel warm and comfortable is to limit their time in the harsh elements and make sure their bodies and paws are dry after romping in the snow.

Giving outside cats indoor access will help protect them from freezing temperatures."

Follow the tips below to ensure your pets are enjoying their outside adventures this winter:

- Remember, if it's too cold for you, it's cold for your pet, so keep your animals inside. Pets who are unaccustomed to being out in the cold can freeze, become disoriented, lost, stolen, injured or harmed.
- Towel dry your pet as soon as they come inside, paying special attention to their feet and in-between the toes. Remove any snow from between their foot pads.
- Never shave your dog down to the skin in winter, as a longer coat will provide more warmth. If your dog is short-haired, consider get-



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**While some in Lane County enjoy the snow, like this family dog in Eugene, it's never a good idea to leave a pet outside in the cold.**

ting them a coat or sweater. Ice melt products can be irritating to pets' feet and should be washed off. Use pet-friendly ice melts whenever possible.

- Booties can provide

coverage and warmth and can also prevent ice and salt from getting lodged between bare toes and causing irritation.

- Pets burn extra energy by trying to stay warm in wintertime. Pets who spend a lot of time outdoors may need to be fed more during the cold weather months.
- Make sure your companion animal has a warm place to sleep, off the floor and away from all drafts. A cozy dog or cat bed with a warm blanket or pillow is perfect.
- If your pet is shivering and refuses to play, the animal is too cold and should come inside.
- Antifreeze is a lethal

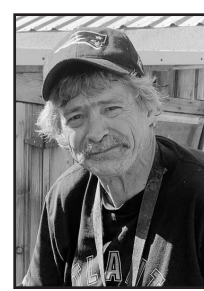
poison for dogs and cats. Be sure to thoroughly clean up any spills from your vehicle and consider using products that contain propylene glycol rather than ethylene glycol.

- Car motors are of particular danger to cats who sleep outside. Cats seek the warmth of car motors, and they can be severely injured or killed when caught in the fan belt of a car's engine. Make it a habit to knock on the hood of the car or honk your horn before starting your car.

To learn more about Greenhill Humane Society or tips on keeping your pets safe in inclement weather, visit [www.green-hill.org](http://www.green-hill.org).

### OBITUARIES

**LINDBERG**—Shane Lindberg, 59, passed away suddenly on December 20, 2021, while visiting in Springfield due to a medical complication.



Shane Lindberg

Shane was born and raised in Florence, Ore., and spent most of his adult life either on the Oregon coast or in the Salem and Eugene areas. During the past few years, he lived in Lincoln City and, most recently, Waldport.

Shane was blessed with a talent for wood working and created tables and carvings using myrtle wood. He was very successful at selling his sculptures at various craft shops along the Oregon coast. Working with wood brought Shane a great deal of happiness and a sense of fulfillment.

He was predeceased by his father, Bill Lindberg. He is survived by his mother Teddy-Jean Lindberg, with whom he had a close and loving re-

lationship; her longtime companion Bob Rawding; brother Rodney Lindberg; his wife Carol and their children Cory, Troy, Whitney and Beth; as well as his sister Hope White, her husband Darryl and their children Madison and Samantha, and several other family members.

At this time, the family does not anticipate a service, although a celebration of life will be scheduled in the future.

**FOSTER**—Carol Foster, our beloved Mom, passed away in her sleep early morning on Dec. 12, 2021. She is survived by her four children: Gregg, Susan, Lindy and Lauri, as well as grandchildren Cycle, Solon and Evan; and great-grandchildren Allison, Kaley, AJ, Tyler and Jace.

Carol was an inspiration to us all, completing her education at night while having four kids at home in or-

der to become a librarian. She passed her love of books on to everyone, later opening a well-loved bookstore in Florence, Books 'n' Bears.

Meanwhile, she was also a dedicated dog trainer who helped found the Oregon Coast Humane Society in Florence, Ore. For many years, she was a Red Cross volunteer who traveled around the US helping disaster victims. She was a longtime member of the FloTones singing group, and also sang in the Florence Community Chorus.

For us kids, she was who we wanted to grow up to be.

She will be missed by her family and her community. A memorial will be planned for after the holidays.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Oregon Coast Humane Society or the American Red Cross. Burns's Riverside Chapel Florence Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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