



Brrrr—it's cold outside!

Be sure to protect your furry friends when the mercury dips.

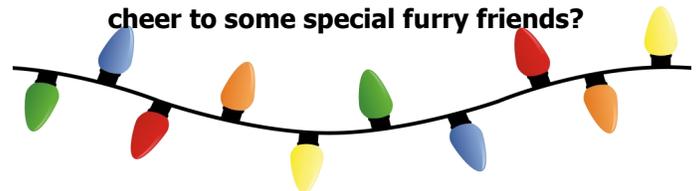
- * During the winter, outdoor cats sometimes sleep under the hoods of cars. When the motor is started, the cat can be injured or killed by the fan belt. If there are outdoor cats in your area, bang loudly on the car hood before starting the engine to give the cat a chance to escape.
- * Never let your dog off the leash on snow or ice, especially during a snowstorm, dogs can lose their scent and easily become lost. More dogs are lost during the winter than during any other season, so make sure yours always wears ID tags.
- * Thoroughly wipe off your pet's legs and stomach when he comes in out of the sleet, snow or ice. He can ingest salt, antifreeze or other potentially dangerous chemicals while licking his paws, and his paw pads may also bleed from snow or encrusted ice.
- * Never leave your dog or cat alone in a car during cold weather. A car can hold in the cold and causing the animal to freeze to death.
- * Antifreeze is a lethal poison for dogs and cats— as little as a teaspoon can lead to a pet's death! Be sure to thoroughly clean up any spills from your vehicle, and consider using products that contain propylene glycol rather than ethylene glycol.

THE GIVING TREE

The GAH Giving Tree is a way to give back and make the holidays special for dogs and cats who don't have a home of their own (yet!). Each year, our generous clients and product vendors donate gifts and money to charitable animal organizations chosen by GAH. This year, we have chosen the Gwinnett Jail Dog/Cat program, Frankie & Andy's Place, and Bliss Animal Haven.

It's easy! Just choose an ornament from the tree in our lobby and give a donation— the gift goes directly to the animal and the funds go to these local organizations dedicated to animals. If you can't make it in to GAH, the receptionists can receive your donation over the phone.

Won't you consider spreading a little holiday cheer to some special furry friends?



PICTURES WITH SANTA

- **Saturday, Dec. 3rd. 1–5pm. At Gwinnett Animal Hospital**
- **Cost is \$20 – all proceeds benefit the Animal Alliance of Georgia, Inc.**
- **You will receive a 4x6" color print in a holiday frame, and 2 digital images via email.**
- **All pets and their people are welcome!**
- **Call GAH at 770-972-0447 for a time slot**



Holiday Stress

The holidays are exciting, but the associated noise, activity, and tension can be stressful for pets. Here are a few things we can offer to help alleviate your pet's stress:

- A short stay in our kennel if there's too much commotion at home
- A spa day including a nice warm bath while the humans are out holiday shopping
- A relaxing pet massage or T-Touch session to relieve tension
- Herbal or conventional medication to help take the edge off and relieve anxiety

6 Holiday Hazards



DECORATIONS
ribbons, bows,
tinsel, glass



ELECTRICAL CORDS
wires, bulbs,
space heaters



OPEN FLAME
Candles,
fireplaces



ALCOHOL
eggnog, beer,
cocktails, wine



PLANTS
mistletoe,
poisonetia, holly



PEOPLE FOOD
animal fat,
chocolate,
artificial sweeteners