


COLD WEATHER FOR COMMUNITY CATS

MONTANA WINTERS CAN BE HARSH, BUT THE FOLLOWING TIPS CAN HELP YOU KEEP FERAL AND COMMUNITY CATS WARM AND WELL-FED DURING THE COLDER MONTHS.

 PROVIDE EXTRA FOOD AND WATER TO HELP CATS STAY WARM. BE SURE TO PROVIDE FOOD AND WATER DAILY AND DON'T LET IT FREEZE. EXTRA PORTIONS PROVIDE THE CATS WITH THE EXTRA ENERGY NEEDED TO STAY WARM.

 PREVENT FOOD AND WATER FROM FREEZING BY:

- SERVING WET FOOD IN PLASTIC CONTAINERS. DRY FOOD IS A GOOD OPTION BECAUSE IT DOESN'T FREEZE.
- WARMING UP CANNED FOOD AND WATER BEFORE SERVING OR UTILIZE HEATED ELECTRIC BOWLS.
- USING DEEP BOWLS. PLACE BOWLS IN SUNNY AREAS TO HELP KEEP WATER FROM FREEZING.
- RAISING FOOD AND WATER BOWLS OFF THE GROUND.

 KEEP OUTDOOR SHELTERS WELL-INSULATED.

LARGER CAT SHELTERS DO NOT HOLD HEAT AS WELL AS SMALLER SHELTERS. AN IDEAL SHELTER IS TWO FEET BY THREE FEET AND 18 INCHES HIGH, AND CAN IDEALLY PROVIDE SHELTER FOR THREE TO FIVE CATS (DEPENDING ON THE CAT'S SIZE). USE STRAW TO INSULATE ALL CAT SHELTERS AND KEEP SHELTERS OFF THE GROUND TO KEEP THEM DRY. BE SURE TO DIG OUT ENTRANCES IF SNOWFALL OCCURS.

 CHECK YOUR CAR BEFORE DRIVING.

A CAR CAN PROVIDE WARMTH TO COLD KITTIES, BUT CATS CAN BE INJURED IF A CAR IS STARTED WHILE A CAT IS CURLED UP NEAR THE ENGINE OR WHEELS. CHECK YOUR ENGINE BY KNOCKING ON THE HOOD AND LOOK AT WHEEL WELLS BEFORE STARTING YOUR CAR IN COLD WEATHER.



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