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Buddy's Vets Issues Extreme Cold Weather Pet Safety Advisory for Green Bay and Northeast Wisconsin

Green Bay, Wisconsin – With dangerously cold temperatures impacting Green Bay and Northeast Wisconsin, Buddy's Vets is urging pet owners to take extra precautions to protect their pets from cold-related injuries and emergencies. Dr. Becky Krull and her veterinary team have already seen an increase in winter-related concerns and are sharing guidance to help prevent serious harm during prolonged cold snaps.

Dr. Becky Krull, Veterinarian and Founder of Buddy's Vets, emphasized the risks extreme cold poses to pets, stating,

“Extreme cold is not just uncomfortable for pets — it can be life-threatening. We see cases of hypothermia, frostbite, cracked paw pads, and exposure injuries every winter. Pets depend on us to recognize when conditions are simply unsafe and to adjust routines accordingly.”

Buddy's Vets is educating pet owners on the most common cold-weather dangers, including:

Hypothermia: Prolonged exposure to cold temperatures can cause a dangerous drop in body temperature, particularly in small dogs, senior pets, and those with short coats.

Frostbite: Ears, tails, and paws are especially vulnerable to frostbite, which may not be immediately visible but can cause lasting tissue damage.

Paw Injuries: Ice, snow, and road salt can lead to cracked pads, chemical burns, and pain that may limit mobility.

Antifreeze Toxicity: Ethylene glycol antifreeze is extremely toxic to pets and can be fatal even in small amounts.

To keep pets safe during extreme cold, Buddy's Vets recommends the following precautions:

- **Limit time outdoors:** Keep walks short and avoid extended outdoor exposure, especially during subzero temperatures or high winds.
- **Protect paws:** Use pet-safe booties or wipe paws thoroughly after walks to remove ice and salt.

- **Provide warm shelter:** Ensure pets have access to warm, draft-free indoor spaces. Outdoor pets should be brought inside during extreme cold.
- **Check vehicles and garages:** Cats may seek warmth near engines or in garages; check before starting vehicles.
- **Store chemicals safely:** Keep antifreeze and other automotive fluids securely sealed and out of reach.

Buddy's Vets remains committed to keeping pets safe through all seasons and encourages pet owners to contact their veterinarian if they notice signs of cold stress, limping, lethargy, shivering, or changes in behavior. Dr. Becky Krull and members of the Buddy's Vets team are available for interviews regarding winter pet safety.

For more information, contact Buddy's Vets at (920) 337-2266 or visit www.buddysvets.com.