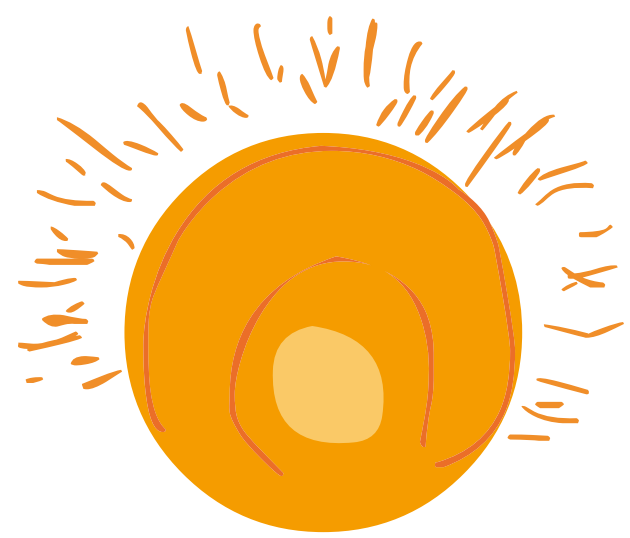


SAFE & WARM

Cold-weather safety for your household pets



Heat Lamps

Ensure there is always someone watching the animal under the lamp either in person or even on a camera. If you are unable to watch it, turn it off and place the animal in straw or thermal blankets.

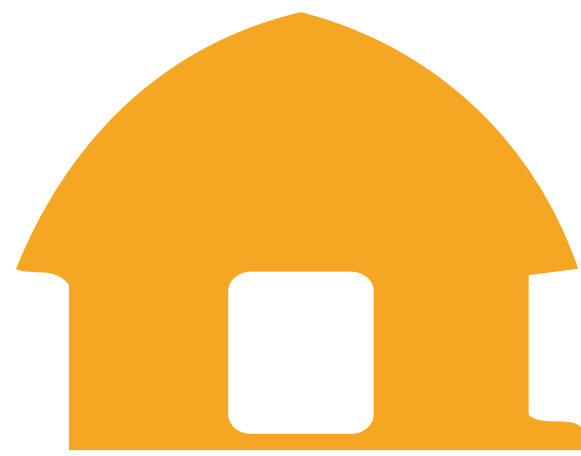
Most thermal dog blankets are encased with a thermal layer, so the dog's body heat keeps it naturally warm.

Keep flammable items such as bedding 3 feet away from the lamp.

Make sure the lamp is securely fastened so it cannot be knocked over.

Ensure electrical circuits are not overloaded. Heat lamps use more amperage than regular lights.

Never connect a heat lamp to an extension cord. Do check for frayed wires and keep out of reach of children and pets.



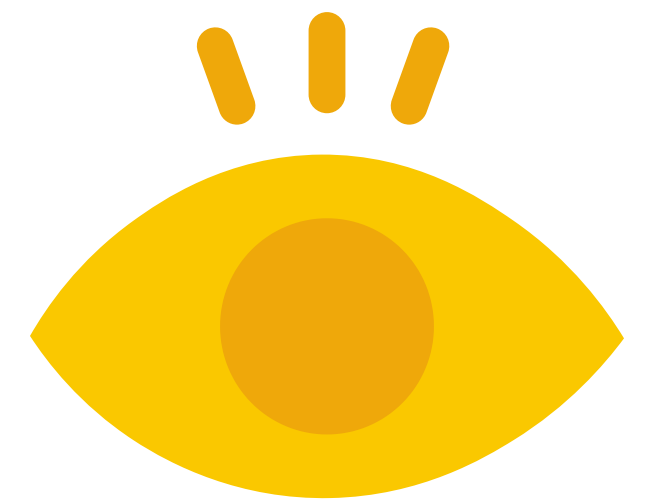
Dog Houses

When choosing the right cold weather shelter for your pet, it is best to have a 6-sided enclosure. This enclosure protects the dog from the harsh elements such as wind and snow, along with rain and cold snaps.

The best way and most comfortable way is dog beds with blankets, or straw inside the enclosure. It is best to have these readily accessible to your pet during the colder months.

Not all dogs are going to stay inside the shelter as some love the colder weather. These include some of the most common breeds in the Yakima area such as Huskies, Malamutes, Akitas, and Chow Chows.

Even if your pet enjoys winter weather, it is still best to have shelter available for them.



See something, say something

See an animal issue in the city? Report it by calling the City Of Yakima animal control hotline at **509-575-6038**.

You can also reach us at: <https://www.yakimawa.gov>

There you can submit a complaint on the City's Yak Back app and upload a photo of what is occurring.

Include information from the incident: address, the dog's welfare, as well as type of concern you have.

Reports can be filed anonymously, but it is preferable to provide contact information in case an officer needs to reach out for further details.

Photos of animal-related issues can also be sent to Animal Control Officer Anthony Diaz at:

Anthony.diaz@yakimawa.gov