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FROSTBITE DANGER FOR PETS

Chicago, III., January 20, 2013...Veterinarians at Chicago Veterinary Emergency & Specialty Center remind pet owners that Chicago's sub-freezing temperatures can result in frostbite for pets.

Tails, ears and toes are especially susceptible to frostbite when pets are left outdoors for an extended period during sub-freezing temperatures. Pet owners may want to provide older dogs and those with minimal hair a warm coat and limit the time outdoors for all cats and dogs.

During this cold weather, drivers are also reminded that animals may crawl up under the hood of a car to warm themselves. Tapping on the hood or honking the horn before starting a car can reduce the risk of problems.

For a complete list of cold weather dangers for pets, see: http://www.chicagoveterinaryemergency.com/files/CVESC_Cold_Weather_Back-final.pdf

About Chicago Veterinary Emergency and Specialty Center (www.ChicagoPetEmergency.com)

Chicago's oldest and largest pet emergency center, the Chicago Veterinary Emergency & Specialty Center provides advanced emergency, critical and specialty care for cats and dogs. Each year, the center treats more than 11,000 cats and dogs in its emergency room and thousands more are cared for by veterinary specialists.

Staffed by highly-trained specialists and equipped with the latest technology, Chicago Veterinary Emergency & Specialty Center is always open – 24 hours each day, every day of the year. In addition to emergency veterinarians and staff, the facility offers board-certified veterinarians who specialize in cardiology, dentistry, dermatology, internal medicine, neurology, oncology, ophthalmology, radiology and surgery. This state-of-the-art facility includes ultrasound and MRI equipment, specialized surgical suites, a blood bank, specialized oxygen cages, heart monitors and more. Providing emergency care for cats and dogs since 1978.

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