

PETS & SALT



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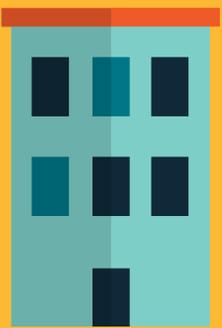
- **INDUSTRIAL SALT CAN INCLUDE A MIXTURE OF TOXIC (IF INGESTED) MELTING CHEMICALS.**
- **IF INGESTED: SALT CAN CAUSE MOUTH BURNS & GASTROINTESTINAL PROBLEMS.**
- **SALT GRANULES CAN BECOME STUCK IN THEIR PAWS, CAUSING SORENESS & IRRITATION.**
- **PROLONGED CONTACT WITH SALT CAN LEAVE PAWS: DRY, CRACKED, ITCHY, PEELING; (OR) CAUSE CHEMICAL BURNS.**



LOOK FOR THE SIGNS:

- Raw or sore paws
- Inspect the pads for: drying, cracking, or burns
- Limping
- Dehydration
- Drooling, vomiting, & diarrhea
- Organ failure (liver & kidney)

DURING WALKS:



MORTON SALT

1. SUPERVISE YOUR PET:

- **KEEP YOUR DOG FROM CONSUMING ICE MELT PRODUCTS ON YOUR WALKS:**
 - DISCOURAGE YOUR DOG FROM EATING SNOW & DRINKING FROM PUDDLES.
- **PETS CAN ALSO INGEST SALT BY LICKING THEIR PAWS.**

2. WALKING PATH:

- **ALTER YOUR WALKING PATH/ROUTE DURING HARSH WINTER WEATHER PERIODS.**
 - AVOID WALKING YOUR DOG WHERE SALT IS BEING USED (OR) IN HEAVILY-SALTED AREAS.

3. BE PREPARED:

- **CARRY A TOWEL WITH YOU DURING WALKS SO THAT YOU CAN WIPE SNOW, ICE, AND SALT OFF YOUR DOG'S PAWS & BELLY WHENEVER NECESSARY.**
 - ESPECIALLY WHEN TAKING LONGER WALKS.

4. SHORTER WALKS:

- **DURING EXTREME COLD, OR DANGEROUS WALKING CONDITIONS, KEEP WALKS SHORTER.**
 - FREQUENT, SHORT WALKS ARE BETTER FOR YOUR DOG THAN A SINGLE, LONG WALK.

AFTER WALKS!



EACH TIME YOU COME IN FROM A WALK (AS SOON AS YOU RETURN HOME), BE SURE TO WASH AND DRY YOUR PET'S FEET!

AT THE VERY LEAST, MAKE SURE YOU WIPE THEIR PAWS OFF WITH A WARM WASHCLOTH.

DIP THEIR PAWS IN A LUKEWARM BOWL OF WATER & THEN THOROUGHLY DRY THEM OFF.

- **GENTLY WIPE AWAY ANY SALT OR DEBRIS THAT MIGHT HAVE GOTTEN STUCK ON YOUR DOG'S PAWS OR IN-BETWEEN THEIR PADS.**
 - REMOVES: ICE, SALT, AND CHEMICALS.
 - CLEANING HELPS SOOTHE PAW IRRITATION.



SAFETY TIP: ENSURE PAWS ARE COMPLETELY DRY BEFORE LETTING THEM BACK OUTSIDE!

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PAW PROTECTION:

Dog Booties

These slip-on shoes offer full coverage & warmth of your dog's paws during winter months.

Sizing:

- To select the correct size: measure from the heel to the tip of the toenail.

Bonus Features:

- Durable & usually have a Velcro strap to help keep them in place.
- Tread surfaces located on the soles of the booties provide extra traction for slippery conditions.

To Do:

- Make sure you give your dog time to adjust to walking in these new shoes.
- Practice by having your dog wear them around the house for short periods of time before going on a walk outside in them.

Paw Wax

Forms a protective barrier between the paw & the salty sidewalk/pavement.

- Apply the balm before walks; and reapply after returning home from walks.
- This will minimize dry skin & damage salt can cause.
 - Helps the pads from cracking or bleeding.

Moisturizer

- Apply an approved, pet-safe balm to help prevent paw irritation & heal wounded paws.
- Check for cracks in paw pads, or redness between their toes.



CONTINUED CARE AT HOME :

GROOMING



Regularly clean & groom your pet:

- Paw hair can retain a lot of deicing salts.
- Keep inter-pad hair trimmed neatly and short during winter months.

Benefits:

- This will help prevent ice balls from forming between the pads and toes of dogs.

ADDITIONAL TIPS:

- Inspect your dog's paws periodically to make sure they are in good shape.
- Use a pet-friendly salt and ice melt alternative.
- Excessive intake of salt can cause severe health reactions/conditions. If your pet is ill, be sure to contact your local veterinarian.

