



**LEESBURG**  
VETERINARY HOSPITAL

# Keep Your Pets Safe during Windy Weather

## Bring Dog and Cats Inside

- High wind gusts can knock over fence walls and open gates, spooking pets to make a run for it if there's a break in the fence.
- Take dogs out on a secure leash.
- Indoor/outdoor cats should be brought in until the high winds cease.
- Even "outside" pets may feel less stressed if they can wait out the blustery conditions in a garage or mudroom.

## Check the Car

- Outdoor and feral cats like to take shelter under cars or near the engine for warmth. Tap on the hood, check between tires, and honk the horn before heading out.

## If your pet must stay outside...

- Provide a dry, elevated shelter. Shelters can be as simple as a cardboard box lined with blankets, or a dog house. Shelters should be large enough for the pet to fit, but small enough to contain their body heat, and have a door/flap to keep drafts out.

