

Cold Temperature Protocol

Everyday Swinging Door Protocol TEMP. BETWEEN 50°F AND 90°F

- Both closed for dogs that have proven they are able to go in and out without incident
- One closed for dogs who have not figured out swing doors, or are new to them, and for all small dogs
- Both open for dogs who are fearful of the swing doors, or have e-collars or mobility issues
- Empty kennels have guillotine down and both flaps shut

Temperature Protocol for Temporary, Outdoor Housing for Dogs

TEMP. BETWEEN 40°F AND 50°F

- Dogs should not be housed in outside areas that are not temperature controlled for longer than two hours unless:
 - We have no other places to house them (we are out of kennels and all other options have been explored)
 - They are under the age of three years old
 - Do not have any known medical issues
 - Have a “coat” of fur that is meant for colder weather (longer fur, under coat, etc.)
- Dogs should be provided extra blankets and jackets, if jackets are available and safe for the specific dog
- Dogs must be provided a dry area
- There must be a wind block to the area the dogs are housed in outside

Overnight Cold Weather Protocol

TEMP. BETWEEN 40°F AND 50°F

- See parameters above for temporary, outdoor housing of dogs

TEMP. BELOW 50°F (EXCLUDING THOSE IN TEMPORARY, OUTDOOR HOUSING)

- Blankets for all puppies, old, small, hair loss, underweight, ISO, not using Kuranda beds, and dogs who can open their guillotine door
- Doors in Suites and A Kennels should NOT be propped open unless they have e-collars or mobility issues
- **Shut in** any small dogs, front of 600s, Group Room Cats

TEMP. BELOW 35°F

- No cats or dogs should not be housed in outside areas that are not temperature controlled at any time
- Blankets for all puppies, old, small, hair loss, underweight, ISO, not using Kuranda beds, and dogs who can open their guillotine door
- **Shut in ALL dogs and Group Room Cats**
- **For those who can open guillotine doors:** Guillotine up (swing doors shut), provide a jacket if there are some available, and it is safe to do so
- Bring in water hoses and bring in or dump out scoop drain solution
- Bring in outside water buckets in 100s and 200s
- Attach windbreaker (sheet or blanket) to outside of kennels for dogs that can open guillotine doors (front of the 600s only)

Cleaning Cold Weather Protocol

TEMP. BELOW 50°F (EXCLUDING THOSE IN TEMPORARY, OUTDOOR HOUSING)

- Dogs should not be locked outside during cleaning for longer than two hours

TEMP. BELOW 35°F

- Cats or dogs should not be housed in outside areas that are not temperature controlled at any time
- Dogs should not be locked outside during cleaning for longer than 30 minutes
- Use minimal amount of water

****Changes to this protocol can be made on a case-by-case basis by the Vet Services or Animal Care Manager****