

Puppy Love

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Let it Snow!



Most of us love the snow, some more than others, but it is undeniable that a fresh new snowfall is beautiful, enticing us to come and play. Our little doxie might also love the snow but the elements along with toxic chemicals can be brutal on a dog's paw pads. It is important we take special care of their feet when they are walking in snow and ice.

One of the best ways to protect your doxie's feet from harmful elements is to be sure their feet are properly groomed. An untrimmed foot can lead to particles of salt, ice crystals and debris getting lodged in the hair between the foot pads. This can be painful and lead to foot trauma.

Trim the hair on the bottom of your doxie's foot so that it is even with his pads. Do not cut the hair too short or in between their toes as this hair does provide some protection. The hair on top of your doxie's foot should be trimmed to the shape of their foot and expose the tips of his toenails. This hair should not touch the ground. Be sure to keep your doxie's toenails trimmed because long nails can cause the pads to splay out allowing more accumulation of snow and ice between the toes.

The use of a balm on your little doxie's feet before going outside will help keep his feet from drying out and cracking, and even bleeding. Vaseline is a good product to use but you can also purchase products made just for a dog's paw pads.

Always clean your doxie's feet after being in snow and ice. Washing with a damp cloth and towel drying is sufficient.



Want to tickle your funny bone?

go on web to:

[youtube hysterical dachshund walking](#)

"Dogs have given us their absolute all. We are the center of their universe. We are the focus of their love and faith and trust. They serve in return for scraps. It is without a doubt the best deal man has ever made." Roger Caras



Mr. Caras served as host of the Westminster Dog Show in New York and as president of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. He was a talented wildlife photographer and preservationists, a popular television personality, and authored seventy books.

