



AWS NEWSLETTER



WE ARE TRULY GRATEFUL

We are offering our most sincere thanks to everyone who has supported our cats and dogs during the past year. We appreciate each of our adopters, volunteers, donors, veterinary partners and businesses that are part of our mission to provide our homeless dogs and cats with the best care. You have donated time, financial support, skills, food and toys to make their lives safe and more comfortable.

We also appreciate those who have recognized our dedicated, compassionate staff.

Thank you.

ONGOING EVENTS

MEET ANTIGUA



PET PORTRAITS

1st Saturdays 2-4pm
at Petco
(169 Danbury Rd.)

With Marylinda Allen
\$50 all materials provided.
Pre-registration required!
Next Class: January 5



VISIT US AT PETCO

January 5 & 6
at Petco
(169 Danbury Rd.)

AWS representatives will be there from 10am-2pm to answer your questions, and introduce you to some of our feline friends.



Antigua is an older lady who came to us as a stray. She is a pretty long-haired girl who can be found wandering the Shelter hallway. Undemanding and sweet-natured, all she asks is a place to call home again.

To learn more about Antigua, call the shelter at 860.354.1350

Protect Your Pets From Harmful Salt and Ice Melt This Winter



From Dogs Naturally Magazine:

Salt can get lodged in between your dog's pads where it can heat up to around 170 degrees! That's hot enough to cause burns. And the pain will cause your dog to lick his paws, which adds more moisture to his feet ... and now the salt is on his lips and tongue too.

Rock salt can also irritate his gastrointestinal system ... and even

trigger seizures when eaten in large quantities (think about how much dogs lick their irritated paws after walking in salt).

So if you didn't know before, then now you know that you should keep your dog away from salt whenever possible! And you should use safer alternatives if you're looking to melt snow in your own yard.

Here are some things to consider when choosing dog friendly ice melters:

- Don't look for a low cost product. The safe ice melt products use more expensive chemicals and are worth the extra expense.
- Look for a product without any warning labels on it. If a product is not safe for you or your children, it's not safe for your pets.
- Look for a salt and chloride free product.
- Visit the manufacturer's website and read about the ingredients, or do some online research.

Finally, even though you may be using a pet safe product, your neighbors and city may not be, so it's always a good idea after walking your dog to immediately clean his paws with plenty of lukewarm water, then dry them. Some dogs take a while to get used to booties but they're another solution to keep paws safe.

HAPPY SNOW DAYS!



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