

NOTICE

VILLAGE OF GODFREY ILLINOIS ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT (618) 466-5211

Effective January 1, 2016 in Illinois, there is now a law in Illinois that prohibits leaving pets outside in extreme temperatures. Legislation was signed by the governor which makes it against the law to leave pets in extreme hot and or cold weather that could cause injury or death to the animals.

Here's what you'll need to know. If a pet is hurt or dies as result of being left in extreme weather, a pet owner can now be charged with a Class A misdemeanor punishable by up to a \$2,500 fine or up to one year in jail if they are found guilty.

(510 ILCS 70/3.01) (from Ch. 8, par. 703.01)

Sec. 3.01. Cruel treatment.

(c) No owner of a dog or cat that is a companion animal may expose the dog or cat in a manner that places the dog or cat in a life-threatening situation for a prolonged period of time in extreme heat or cold conditions that:

- (1) results in injury to or death of the animal; or
- (2) results in hypothermia, hyperthermia, frostbite, or similar condition as diagnosed by a doctor of veterinary medicine.

Be aware that here in the Village of Godfrey we strictly enforce this law with no exceptions. Please bring your animals inside if the temperature warrants it. Thanks for your cooperation. Please call us if you have any questions.

Susie Stephan
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Village of Godfrey