

Some reminders from your friends at Animal Friends of the Valley

Willa Bagwell, Executive Director of Animal Friends of the Valleys (AFV) here with some important reminders regarding your pets.

Winter can be a beautiful time of year. It can be a dangerous time of year for your pets. Cold weather can be very hard on pets. This is the time of year that animal control finds dogs chained in a yard with absolutely no shelter from the rain, wind, and cold. It is now illegal to chain tie your animal up. Dogs must be tethered in compliance with the law that prevents entanglement. Dogs must also be provided adequate shelter from the elements. Outdoor cats curl up against almost anything to stay warm including car engines. Before you start your vehicle, check underneath and tap on the hood.

Also remember it is very important to have your pet wear some form of ID. The shelter is full of stray animals. When an animal has ID, AFV can reunite the owner with the pet immediately. If the animal is injured while running at large, the veterinarians will be able to contact the owner. Stray animals with identification are held 10 days if impounded. AFV offers Microchipping, a permanent form of ID for \$20 per animal. Finally all dogs over the age of 4 months must be vaccinated against rabies and licensed in the city in which they live. The Shelter is located at 33751 Mission Trail in Wildomar. Shelter hours are Monday – Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm and every Wednesday until 7 pm. If you have questions please call us at 951.506.5069.