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The Killeen Police Department Animal Control Unit would like to remind everyone who has a pet to please remember to provide adequate shelter. Over the past few weeks we have experienced many days when the temperature has fallen below freezing and there is a probability of more to come. Everyone needs to be mindful that just because an animal is kept outdoors, they still need to have adequate shelter provided.

Adequate Shelter is defined as follows by ordinance:

- (1) All animals kept outdoors shall have access to shelter that provides protection from the weather; i.e. sun, wind, precipitation or other inclement weather conditions.
- (2) The shelter for an animal shall have a roof, enclosed sides, a doorway, and a solid, level floor except that plastic and metal barrels are allowed for shelter. The entrance to the shelter shall allow the animal's entry and exit. The structure shall be structurally sound and in good repair.
- (3) If there are no artificial heat sources, the structure shall be small enough to allow the animal to warm the interior of the structure and maintain his or her body heat, but large enough to permit standing and normal postural adjustments.

Just a reminder, outdoor cats sometimes sleep under the hood of cars. When the motor is started, the cat can be injured or killed by the fan belt. If there are outdoor cats in your area, bang loudly on the car hood before starting the engine to give the cat a chance to escape.

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