

Tiny Dog, Big Brrr!

Winter clothing for Chihuahuas and similarly small dogs

Consider an extra layer

- Cold, wind and rain can increase the need for protection.
- Small or slim dogs and thin coats may lose warmth quickly.
- Age, health and individual tolerance matter too.
- Consider time outdoors, activity and whether your dog is wet.
- Shivering, refusing to walk or lifting paws? End the walk and get warm and dry.

I am small.
The wind is rude.



This is not
beach weather.

Choose comfort and protection

- Comfortable fit; free movement and breathing.
- A jumper adds warmth in dry weather; a suitable coat protects against wind and rain.
- Check harness fit and lead attachments with clothing on.

Take it off or change it

- Too warm, panting or distressed? Remove it and reassess.
- Rubbing or restricted movement? Change the fit or garment.
- Wet against the skin? Replace it with something dry.
- Indoors: remove extra layers when warm.

Watch your dog, not just the forecast.

Not every dog needs a coat at the same temperature.

Very drowsy, unsteady or collapsed? Suspect hypothermia? Contact a vet immediately. Move to shelter, dry gently and wrap in blankets. Do not continue the walk.

Illustration only: a hat is not required. Keep ears, eyes and hearing clear.