



how cold is too cold?

°C °F					KEY	OTHER FACTORS
15°	60°	1	1	1	1. No evidence of risk: Have fun outside!	+2 If wet weather is present
12°	55°	1	1	1		-1 If Northern breed or heavy coat
10°	50°	1	1	1		-1 If dog is acclimated to cold
7°	45°	2	2	1	2. Risk is unlikely: Have fun outside, but be careful!	
4°	40°	3	3	2		
1°	35°	3	3	3	3. Unsafe potential, depending on breed. Keep an eye on your pet outdoors.	
-1°	30°	3	3	3		
-4°	25°	4	4	3		
-6°	20°	5	4	3	4. Dangerous weather developing. Use caution.	
-9°	15°	5	4	4		
-12°	10°	5	5	5		
-15°	5°	5	5	5	5. Potentially life-threatening cold. Avoid prolonged outdoor activity.	
-17°	0°	5	5	5		

Source: adapted from The Tufts Animal Care and Condition (TACC) scales