

Quick Dog Grooming Guide

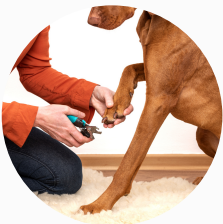


Brushing & Deshedding Your Dog

This is a particularly important step for dogs with dense or long fur. Any breed of dog, however, will benefit from daily brushing.

You can use this as an opportunity to also check for fleas or any skin condition issues like redness/lumps.

It's beneficial to make deshedding a regular part of the grooming routine too. Remember to take your time and to research what grooming and deshedding tools best suit your dog's breed.



Clipping Your Dog's Nails

Gradually introduce your dog to their nail clipper or grinder, letting them sniff and get used to this tool first - praising and rewarding as they do.

Begin by trimming the tiniest tip off your dog's nail & be careful not to clip past the curve of the nail (as that's when you risk hitting the quick - which can be quite painful for dogs). Trimming twice a month should be sufficient for most dogs.



Bathing Your Dog

How frequently you need to bath your dog will depend on a number of factors. However, for most dogs approximately every 4-6 weeks is sufficient.

Make sure to use a shampoo specially formulated for dogs. And when it comes to actually washing your dog, if they get particularly anxious consider smearing peanut butter on a lickmat to keep them occupied as you dampen them, apply the shampoo & lather, then rinse clean.



Cleaning Your Dog's Ears

You should make checking your dog's ears a regular part of their grooming routine (especially if they're prone to a build-up of dirt) but likewise make sure not to overclean your dog's ears if they're in a healthy state.

Grab your dog ear-cleaning solution (ideally a veterinary brand) and a cotton pad. Squeeze the solution into your dog's ear canal and massage at the base of the ear. Allow your dog to then shake their head, before taking your cotton ball and gently wiping out your dog's ear canal.