

Grooming Instructions

Bathing. Try not to bath your puppy for a long while after you bring him home. The less stress the better. This is why I say this, one vet explained it to me this way. The puppy's body temperature cannot adjust fast enough to the water temp, then the dryer temp, then back to room temp. again. A adult dog can. But, a puppy was never meant to be bathed so much in the early months of life with water, soaps, and dryers. This seems to cause more stress on puppy. So, try to go easy on that if @ all possible. Also, try to use good shampoo's for puppy. That of oatmeal, aloe vera, or penny royal ...all natural are really nice.

> **A safe easy in-between bath** to sanitize puppy is: 3/4 water and -1/4 hydrogen peroxide in spritz bottle. Then just lightly spray over body, bottom of feet-....and dab dry.

> **Puppys Bath.** Puppy should have his own towel, brushes, and bath supplies. Puppys list of Bath items is posted below. Start with a soft coated Slicker brush to brush out puppy. And, we use a Flea comb for under coats and that tiny hair around the eye's. It just works better. Puppy doesnt have flea's but the close tooth stainless steel flea comb works better.

Now, **here's our trade grooming secret** (that Groomers dont want you to know). For poodle mix's or Shorkies with double coats to have "MAT FREE" low maintenance coats- one must "**prep out the coat**". Meaning you need to prepare the coat by: use a dog clippers or mans mustache clipper to clip away fur under tail, under and behind ears, and under arm pits. Then take a "thinning scissors" and thin out coat on side's and wherever any mats are prone to be. Next, Bathe puppy. Finishing off w/ a puppy "Leave-On Conditioner". (petco: Miracle coat leave-in conditioner will do). Dont rinse it out. Leave in. Just pat dry puppy, comb through, and finish w/ hair dryer on medium heat blowing the puppys coat down. Unless, you have a puppy cut, which is dried any which way. Once the coat is treated this way, your puppy can go months w/o mats. And, you'll only need to comb/brush out puppy maybe 1-2 a week. This is something kids can help with. Also, most people keep a long coated dog in a Puppy cut. Which is 2" all the way around the body. You can do this too. Just scissor the body, under feet, under tail, under ears, and away from eye's about 1-2". Only adults are to do the puppys ears, nails, and teeth. We clean ears w/ Q-Tips and olive oil / Tea Tree Oil. But, one must be very careful, one vet told us not to use Q-tips, but we find its ok if your careful. And, easy on the olive & teatree oil, which are very strong on a puppys ear. Only a small amount on Q-tip. Also, we use a kitten nail clipper for our puppy/ dogs. It just works better. As you might have experienced, clipping the nails too short can cause bleeding. Its hard to find the "Quick" in order to avoid this. So, try to get to know the length of the nail. You'll need to buy a "stop bleed" powder just in case. The teeth can be wiped w/ puppys own wash cloth over your index finger.

Puppys need to experience letting a person touch their teeth while they're young. Your puppys teeth will be completely replaced w/ adult teeth by 5-6 months of age. Most of the baby teeth will be swallowed or not found.

-Teach your puppy to enjoy being groomed. Helpful demo's visit **Youtube**

For summer. A shampoo with "penny royal" is good. Can add trea tree or peppermint oil drops to rinse. Leave on. We also, dust the dogs with "Bond" foot powder as a Bug Repellant. It's gentle for them and works. We never had ticks, flies, or fleas! and our dogs are out year round. Never use flea collars, dips, baths...its so harsh. Most are made with poisen. We had some adult dogs faint. You can also, add garlic / brewers yeast to diet (from Revival). It comes through the pores and repells insects. Insects hate garlic. Unfortunately, it only come is a large size. From Revival. So, it'll last forever, unless you can devide it up for other dogs.

Grooming Tools You'll Need:

Puppys own towels

Puppy Shampoo

Leave-On Conditioner for dogs.

A all natural herbal brand for humans would work too.

Soft edge slicker brush

Steel comb

Flea Comb (use to coat hair with leave-on conditioner).

Q tips

Ear cleaner for dogs

Dog tooth brush

Dog tooth paste

Spritz bottle

hydrogen peroxide

blow dryer

dog clippers or Scissors

Nail Cutters – we use one's for cats/ kitten

Quick stop (if nail bleeds)

Puppys own storage container: basket..

Optional:

All natural fiber hair brush

doggie cologne

we use "morning glory" body mist.

Thinning Scissors for med-heavier coats.

Angel Eyes. If your puppy has eye stain. Or you can try terramycin from Revival.

Olive Oil & Tea Tree Oil (we use for cleaning ears or to use for leave on spritz to repell summer insects).