

Washing and Grooming Your Dog

The frequency of washing your dog is a matter that you may want to discuss with your vet. If your dog has a skin problem it may be necessary to use a medicated shampoo and your vet can advise.



Slicker Brushes



Brush for Shorthaired Dog

- ♦ *Regularly groom dog to remove loose hair and prevent matting.*
 - use a mitt or bristle brush for a short haired dog
 - use a slicker brush for a long haired dog, making sure the hair is combed and not the skin

Choose grooming implements that are gentle on the dog's skin.
- ♦ *Clean ears*
 - with an ear cleaner that has no anti-biotics in it. Ask your vet!
- ♦ *Clip nails with guillotine clippers*

Caution! Be careful not to cut the quick.

 - if the quick bleeds apply potassium permanganate to stop bleeding.
- ♦ *Clean eye discharge*
 - use salt water and cotton wool
 - make sure cotton wool and water is new for each eye.
- ♦ *Wet dog and massage in a veterinary shampoo.*

Never use a human shampoo.

Caution! Read instructions for use carefully and take note of any poisoning advice.

 - begin massaging shampoo in, beginning at the head and down to the tail, including the area between the pads of the paws
 - ensure shampoo is massaged into the skin and hair
- ♦ *Rinse dog thoroughly*
- ♦ *Reapply shampoo and rinse thoroughly*
- ♦ *Apply a veterinary conditioner*
- ♦ *Rinse dog thoroughly*
- ♦ *Dry dog with towel or blow dryer.*

Dog may need to be trained to accept the blow dryer.

