

PUPPY GROOMING HINTS

Start as soon as you get your puppy home. Handle him frequently all over so that he gets used to it and enjoys it.

Touch his feet, one toe at a time and give him a yummy treat for each touch.

Once he is happy with this, try holding each foot for a short time. Gradually increase the time. Give him a treat if he is good and does not bite or struggle. If he struggles or bites, try for a shorter time next time, and quickly give him a treat.

Gradually lengthen the time you can hold his foot, rub his toes and move them around.

Look in his ears, hold his face still and play with his eyebrows and beard.

Teach him to stand still while you run

your hand over his back and down his sides.

Pick up each foot separately and hold it.

If he is a type that grows hair in the ears you should pluck them on a regular basis. This will harden the ear canal and make it less painful.

Get him used to the sound of the hairdryer and nail clippers—turn the hairdryer on while he has dinner, and sit beside him and clip a small stick with the nail clippers before you try on your puppy. For nail clipping seek the advice of a groomer before you attempt it yourself.

Essential equipment” comb, brush (type of brush depends on breed of puppy—we can advise).

You may need to groom him every day if he is a hairy type and you



want him left long. Many breeds left long tend to matt up quickly, and then the kindest option is to clip him short and start again.

Areas that commonly become matted are:- around the ears, neck and tail. In addition check the chest, flanks and legs.

Most poodle types and crosses need grooming every 6- 8 weeks, especially if you like them long and fluffy.



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