



Grooming

Keeping up with your dog's grooming care is essential for his health and wellness. However, every dog's grooming needs are different based on a variety of factors, such as breed, coat type, age, and activity level.

Veterinarians often recommend creating grooming schedules to better stay on top of all of your dog's needs. The first step is to observe your dog and take note of how often he needs to be bathed, trimmed, groomed, etc. Pay attention to when he starts to itch following his last bath, how oily or dull his coat gets, and how quickly his nails grow. Of course, these observations will change as your dog matures, but they will be great benchmarks for starting your grooming schedule.

When it comes to bathing your dog, try not to overdo it. If dogs are bathed too frequently it can dry out their skin and hair coat and may cause problems. Be sure to stick to a shampoo made specifically for him and avoid using human products during his bath. Your veterinarian should be able to help you find a shampoo that will work with your dog's coat. Lastly, avoid using medicated shampoos unless recommended by your veterinarian. If you feel your dog is suffering from a skin condition, it's best to get an expert opinion.

In addition to bathing, your dog's other grooming needs include dental care, nail trimming, haircuts and brushing, and ear and eye care.