



Basic Puppy Grooming

Congratulations on your new addition! Here are some basic grooming practices to get your new companion used to right away so that grooming is as stress free as possible.

Long Haired Dogs

Dogs with long hair or thick, fluffy fur obviously require plenty of brushing and attention to keep the coat mat-free. **Mats are dense tangles of hair that form when a coat has been left untended.** Most typically they will form in a high friction area, such as behind ears, on the hind end, legs, etc. Once mats have formed, it can be very difficult for even an experienced groomer to brush them out, and your pet may have to be taken short to remove them.

Brush your pet from head to toe with a slicker brush, being careful not to apply too much pressure. Then go over the coat with a metal comb to make sure no tangles were missed deeper in the coat. Do this at least three times a week.

Short Haired Dogs

If you have a puppy with short hair, the main concern will be to reduce shedding and keep the coat soft and shiny. The best way to do this is with a healthy, balanced diet, and regular brushing with a Furminator® or Zoom Groom® (found at local pet retailers). In addition to at home maintenance, Eastside's Salon offers effective Low Shed treatments that can reduce shedding for 4-6 weeks! Ask a staff member for more details.

Tending to a rambunctious puppy's hair at home can seem like a frustrating challenge at first, as they seldom hold still. But with enough patience (and a little treat motivation never hurt either!), your pup will quickly become used to the process, and future visits to groomer will prove much less stressful for you both.

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