

Your Puppy's First Grooming



Your New Puppy

He is a bouncy, wiggly, ball of fluff that fills your life with endless love and fun. He adores you and depends on you to supply his every want and need. You want to do everything right; feed him the proper food, teach him manners and basic obedience, and make sure his medical and grooming needs are filled.

Early Grooming is Essential

Teach your puppy the basics. Gently touch him all over every day. Don't forget his feet and toes. Then introduce him to the tools which make noise or vibrate such as blow dryer and clipper. When your puppy is comfortable with being handled, you are ready to advance to brushing and combing. Puppies should be introduced to professional grooming when they are about eight weeks old (or after the second set of shots). Contact us to discuss your puppy's grooming needs, and to make an appointment for his first grooming. Working as a team, you and your pet's groomer will provide the care that your puppy needs to look and feel his best.

Your Puppy's First Visit to the Grooming Salon

We suggest you bring your puppy in for his appointment and we will allow your puppy to become accustomed to the activity and sounds in the salon as we go through the grooming process.

How long will it take?

His first few appointments may be quite lengthy. It is extremely important for your puppy to trust us and be comfortable with everything the groomer does to him. With gentle guidance, he will learn that grooming is an enjoyable experience and not something to be feared.

Do NOT come back early

Wait to be notified that your puppy is ready. If your puppy sees you or hears your voice, he could become so excited that it may be impossible to finish his groom.

Preparing for the 'Big Day'

Set aside time every day to brush and comb your puppy. Make it your special 'together time'. Reward your puppy with plenty of praise and some treats. Take him for short rides in your car to get him used to traveling. Be sure to exercise your puppy right before his grooming appointment to allow him to relieve himself. Bring along one of his favorite toys.

Help your Puppy Enjoy his Grooming Experience

On your way to our grooming salon --- be happy! If you feel stressed and nervous, your puppy will pick-up on your feelings and may become fearful and apprehensive. Your pet's grooming salon is his special place. Allow him to anticipate and associate the professional grooming experience with fun and enjoyment.

The Main Objective

The most important accomplishment of your puppy's first grooming session is... that he likes it! His first experience --- positive or negative will remain with him forever!

What Happens During my Puppy's Grooming Session?

First, your puppy will be thoroughly brushed. These are the first stages of how we bond with your puppy. We are very gentle with your babies and when we feel comfortable enough to start the haircut we will begin slowly, lightly clipping and scissoring his coat. It is important that your puppy is not rushed through the grooming. He needs to be introduced to all the new things that are happening to him at a comfortable pace. Before his bath, your groomer will clean your puppy's ears and clip his toenails and may brush his teeth. The next step is a warm bath with a high quality

natural shampoo massaged throughout his coat, followed by an all-natural conditioner. A very thorough rinsing completes that part of the bathing process. Your puppy is immediately hand dried with towels and fluff dried to avoid any chills. When he is completely dry, his groomer will finish styling him. His groomer may complete the groom with bows or a bandanna, and pet cologne (if you wish). When you return, your puppy will greet you with kisses and a furiously wagging tail, as he shows off his new hairdo.

After the Groom

Being clipped and groomed is a completely new experience for your puppy. He may feel 'funny' and may want to rub himself on the carpet or furniture, or he may scratch himself. A little of this is normal, but do not let him cause any irritation to himself. Remember that his freshly clipped nails may be sharp and can easily irritate his puppy skin. If you have any questions or concerns, contact us immediately.

Taking care of your Puppy at home

Between professional grooming, you may need to brush and bathe your puppy at home. We will be happy to recommend appropriate puppy coat care products that you will need. We will also be happy to demonstrate the correct brushing techniques that you need to learn to properly care for your puppy.

Mission Accomplished --- A Happy Puppy!

Since you and our professional groomers made a team effort and took the time to introduce your puppy to grooming in a step-by-step, gentle, loving way, you made your puppy's first visit to the grooming salon a wonderful, successful experience that will help him enjoy being groomed throughout his life.

