

Grooming Your Dog

All dogs require regular brushing and combing to keep their coats healthy and untangled. It is just like combing our hair since you can imagine how our hair would look and feel if we did not brush and comb regularly.

If a dog's coat becomes matted and tangled it can cause a number of problems for your dog. As the hair becomes matted the mats get tighter and tighter, this pulls on the surrounding skin and could cause the skin to split and get infected. These problems require veterinary care and cause unnecessary pain and discomfort for the dog. This can be prevented with regular brushing and visits to the groomer.

If your dog becomes matted, it should be brought to the groomer. It is very difficult and uncomfortable for the dog if the groomer tries to brush the mats out. When brushing out mats the dog can become very uncomfortable which can cause the dog to become aggressive. This is unsafe for the groomer and causes the dog a very stressful and unpleasant experience. It is easier for the groomer and less stressful for the dog if the groomer shaves the dog down to a very short cut, however it is more beneficial if the dog does not get to this point by being regularly brushed and bathed.

No matter what time of year it is or how cold it is outside, a matted coat is not a healthy coat and you are risking your pet's health by letting it remain in a matted state. If you wish to grow out the dog's coat after clipping the groomer can help you.

Obviously, it is best to prevent matting in the first place and that is easy to do with regular brushing. The groomer can recommend a brushing schedule for you and the appropriate grooming tools to use. If after this you are still having problems maintaining the dog's coat talk to the groomer, she will have other suggestions to help you maintain your dogs coat.

For new puppies

Try to brush your new puppy on a regular basis and avoid letting your dog bite the brush. If you want to give your puppy a bath, try brushing him or her first, as this will remove some of the loose hair making the grooming process easier. It is best if you can try to train your dog to accept grooming just as you train him or her to sit and stay. If your puppy is introduced to this experience at an early age it will be a more enjoyable experience for your dog.