

When done regularly, grooming your dog at home can be a special activity to strengthen the bond you have with your pet. Keep the following tips in mind to ensure your dog stays healthy and happy:



Brush and comb your dog regularly (one - three times a week) to keep their coat and skin clean and healthy. This also prevents tangles and matting.



Grooming is a good opportunity to check your dog for ticks, fleas, or any other abnormalities. Visit your veterinarian if you find anything out of the ordinary.



See a professional groomer to clip your dog's fur and cut out mats. Otherwise you risk cutting your dog's skin.



Contrary to popular belief, you should only bath your dog for a specific reason, such as a medicated bath or if the coat is dirty. Bathing too often can irritate or dry the skin.



Use mild shampoo that's made specifically for dogs to avoid skin irritation.



Keep their paws trimmed. It keeps them clean, reducing rocks, salt, and other debris from getting lodged in them, which is uncomfortable for your dog.



Trim nails regularly. If your pet's nails are clicking on the floor, it's time for a trim.



Praise your dog and provide treats as a reward throughout the grooming session. This will make the session a positive experience, or will at the very least curb some stress and anxiety.