

Monitoring Changes in Your Dog

Often times, pets visit their groomer more often than their veterinarian. Groomers get to know your pets very well and can notice changes in your dog's behavior, skin, eyes or hearing, and can locate new growths, ticks, etc. We are NOT veterinarians and do NOT have the clinical expertise needed to make a diagnosis, but we will bring any changes to your attention so that you can discuss them with your veterinarian.

How Can I Calm My Dog's Nerves?

It usually takes a few visits before dogs feel "comfortable" with their surroundings. If you are anxious, your dog will sense it and will become nervous as well. To help ease the nerves, don't make a big fuss when leaving your house or arriving at the grooming salon. Have a short goodbye and hand your dog over to your groomer with confidence. Fake it if you have to! You can call to check on your pet any time. (Of course you can gush over how good they look when you pick them up!)

How Much Does Grooming Cost?

The cost of a professional grooming depends on the size and temperament of the dog, the condition of the coat, and the cut you are requesting. We can give you an estimate over the phone. Please understand that it is difficult to give an exact price without seeing the dog, as two dogs of the same breed may require very different amounts of work.

Is it Appropriate to Tip My Groomer?

Clients often ask us this question. Not unlike tipping your own hair stylist or barber, it is a courtesy (that's appreciated!) to tip your groomer.



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While a clean-smelling, good looking pooch is important to you (and us!), **professional grooming offers important health and comfort benefits to your four-legged friend.**

All dogs, whether short- or long-haired, will benefit from professional grooming. Even if your dog does not need a stylized haircut, there are grooming basics that should be kept up regularly.

How often depends on the breed. Some need grooming every 4 to 6 weeks; others, every 8 to 10 weeks; and others are groomed with the change of each season. Your groomer can offer guidance and answer any questions you might have.



Dog Doos Grooming offers a home setting that dogs – and their humans – love! We treat your dog with compassion and patience.

Every professional grooming includes a bath, blow dry, cleaning and plucking (when appropriate) of ears, clipping and/or grinding of nails, shaving the pads of the feet, cleaning sanitary areas, anal gland release (upon request), haircut, fragrance spray and bandana/bows.

Cleaning and plucking of ears: It is important to keep the ears clean to help avoid infections. Some breeds (like bichons, some terriers, poodles and others) grow hair inside their ears that needs to be plucked to help prevent infections, mites and other health issues. It is often a professional groomer who alerts a dog owner to foul smelling ears and infections that may need veterinary attention.

Clipping/grinding nails: If you hear clicking on the floor when your dog walks, his/her nails are too long. Nails should be trimmed once a month on average. Nails that are too long can injure the dog's nail beds, cause splayed feet that are painful to walk on, and the nails can grow into the dog's skin. Regular trimming will also prevent the blood vessel in the toenail (the quick) from growing too long. Long quicks may result in bleeding and discomfort when the nails are finally trimmed.

Shaving the pads of the feet: Many breeds grow hair between the pads of their feet. Dirt and other debris can get stuck in this hair, which makes the dog feel the way we do when we have a rock in our shoe. Getting rid of that hair will also reduce the amount of dirt/mud that is tracked into your house.

Fleas: Even when dogs are on a monthly preventative, they can still get fleas. Professional groomers are often the ones to alert dog owners to a flea sighting or problem. Flea baths are done immediately to kill the pests and bring comfort to the dog. Follow-up care is also discussed with clients.

Sanitary area: Overgrown hair in the groin area can lead to urinary tract infections in both male and female dogs. Overgrown hair in the anal area can cause pet excrements to get stuck in the hair and trailed through your home.

Anal glands: If your dog is scooting his/her behind on the ground, the anal sacs may be full. If they are not emptied, they can become impacted and infected. We release glands externally (veterinarians release them internally.) It is done by request at no additional charge.

Should I Groom My Dog Year-Round?

Simply answered, yes. The benefits and necessity of grooming are not seasonal. There is always the need to keep up with pet hygiene and the basics of grooming in order prevent foot problems, various infections, matting, discomfort, and many other health issues.