

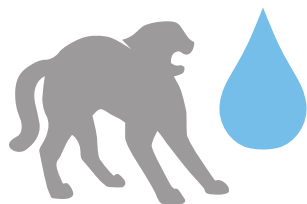
GROOMING YOUR PET



Baths

Bathe most dogs about once every three months. Bathing too often can cause skin irritation. Use shampoo made especially for dogs.

Tip: Cats usually do not need bathing at all and may not tolerate it.



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Brushing

Brush or comb your pet regularly to keep the coat clean, reduce shedding, and cut down on hairballs and matting. Long-haired cats and dogs should be brushed daily to prevent tangling.



Tip: If grooming is new to your pet, start slowly and make it fun by rewarding them with a favorite toy or treat.



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Check

While brushing, check for:

- Problems hidden by fur such as wounds, hair loss and inflammation.
- Ticks, fleas and flea dirt, which are black specks of dried blood left behind by fleas.
- Mats, or knotted fur, which can get out of control and cause discomfort, skin conditions, and even open wounds.



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Dealing with Mats

Mats should be brushed out or shaved with electric clippers before bath time. Do not use scissors to cut mats close to skin. If you are unsure, bring your pet to a groomer who will have the proper tools.

