

## Puppy Grooming - What you Need To Know?



Puppies are adorable little creatures that look cute in any situation, so there are more chances that you will forget about **puppy grooming**. But no matter what, you shouldn't forget grooming your puppy because it is vital both hygiene and health-wise.

**Puppy grooming** involves removing dandruff, dirt, and dead hair from your dog. You need to make sure the pup's eyes, ears, and nose are clean. You need to check puppy's coat is not matted, and paws are dirt free. It's also about keeping your puppy healthy. You need to give your pet a regular checkup to spot unusual lumps or bumps.

Since grooming is a critical practice that you can't skip, start early to make your dog habitual of the process. As puppies are young enough, they quickly adjust to new routines. If you have a puppy at home and you want to give it a thorough grooming session, then you are in the right place. This blog will talk about essential grooming tips and tricks that will simplify the process.

### How to Groom a Puppy For the First Time?

The first puppy grooming session is significant because it introduces the dog to the world of grooming. The **puppy's first grooming** practice response determines when and how the subsequent sessions will proceed.

The effects will be long-lasting no matter positive or negative. So if you are also going to groom your puppy for the first time, here's how you can make the occasion a positive experience.

The first session aims to familiarize the pup with the procedure. So you have to make the experience as pleasant as possible to prepare your puppy in advance. Like you can practice regular tickling of their ears and paws, which you will be holding, later on.

On the day of grooming, help the puppy calm down by petting and cuddling. Then introduce it to the tools, so they don't get frightened at first exposure. And then stick to the basic grooming practices such as bath, ear cleaning, nail trim, light hair trim, and light brush out. Avoid intense grooming practices like full **puppy haircuts** in the first attempt because the aim is to get the puppy acclimated to being handled.

## When Can you Groom A Puppy For The First Time?

Puppies tend to remember their first experiences well. That being said, you have to make it a good one, so later ones are trouble-free. For this, you need to start early because little dogs are highly adaptable to new situations. Therefore you don't need to wait until your puppy gets six months old. Instead, schedule the first grooming session as soon as the pup is 10 to 16 weeks old.

## How to Bathe a Puppy Safely For the First Time?

When you decide it's time to get rid of the dirt the puppy got while exploring the world, there is a high possibility that you might feel a little nervous because cleaning a puppy isn't that easy, that too, for the first time. But don't worry. We will be sharing tips on how you can bathe your puppy without feeling overwhelmed.

You can skip the bath until eight weeks by using a wash rag for cleaning. After that once a month bath is recommended by veterinarians as a part of **puppy grooming**. So get started with the process and collect bathing essentials first.

You will need a towel, hairdryer, puppy shampoo, table, dog bath, a treat, and puppy shampoo. Now follow these steps to ensure a happy and safe bath. First, put the cloth on the table and place the puppy on it. Then start brushing their hair gradually to remove dirt and knots. Next, keep the dryer turned on near the table, so the puppy gets used to the noise.

Now place the puppy in the puppy bath inside the bathtub. First, soak the puppy with moderately hot water using the showerhead. Let the water fill the tub until the dog's knee level. Next, apply the shampoo by avoiding the eyes, scrubbing it gently, and then using the shower spray to rinse it off. Lastly, dry them with a towel first and then with a hairdryer. Voilla!! Your pup has successfully taken its first bath!

## When to Start Brushing Puppy Fur?

You have brought a little bundle of joy to home who has adorable fur, but now you need to keep it clean and tangle-free. The next thing you would be wondering is when **to start brushing puppy fur?** We recommend giving your puppy the first grooming session at the age of 9 to 12 weeks. For brushing, first, move the brush in the opposite direction to fur growth and then brush in the same direction. Keep the process slow and gentle to make it less painful.

## When Should Puppies Get Their First Hair Cut?

The first grooming session went well, and your puppy has become accustomed to the basic grooming practices. Now it's time to give the little one its first-ever haircut at the age of 4 to 6 months old. Some puppies might require a haircut earlier than that, but it depends on their fur and activities.

The tools you will need for the first [puppy haircut](#) are a grooming table, brushes and combs, shampoo and conditioner, hairdryer, grooming shears, and a stripping knife. Before a haircut, bathe the puppy to ensure it is clean. Next, dry the pup's hair, and now it's time to cut the hair. Keep the process slow and use the sharp knife for effortless cutting. If the dog is anxious, stop cutting and let it calm first. After cutting, brush thoroughly to ensure there aren't any mats. Finally, give some final touches, and the puppy is ready.

## When to Cut Puppy Nails For the First Time?

Nail trimming is an essential part of [puppy grooming](#) that can't be ignored. Puppies need a proper nail trim when they're around six weeks old. However, getting your puppy to stay still seems an impossible task. Still, you have to do it because nail trimming is necessary to prevent the claws with long nails from tearing, splitting, and injuring others. If you are getting anxious at the thought of puppy nail trimming, let us share a few tips with you that will help you cut puppy nails like a pro.

## How to Cut Puppy Nails For the First Time?

Observe if the nails protrude from the pads; if yes, it's time for a trim. Before you start, make sure to understand the puppy's nail anatomy because it is different from humans. For example, puppies have soft tissue in the claw known as quick, which has blood vessels and neurons. If your puppy has light-colored nails, it will be easy to spot nail quick; otherwise, you have to put extra effort to spot quick in the dark nails.

Remember that you have to avoid cutting nails quickly because it is painful and the puppy is likely to create a fuss. However, keep styptic powder near in case you accidentally cut the nail quick, and it starts bleeding. For trimming, gather the essential tools: a nail clipper or grinder, a filer, and styptic powder.

Now it's time to cut the puppy's nails. First, gently hold the pup's claw and point the nail outward using the finger. Then touch the clipper gently to the nail. If the puppy is calm proceed with cutting the nail tip only. If everything seems alright, continue the trimming process until you spot the pink tissue in the nail. This is where you need to stop because nail quick starts right after this.

Give a slick finish by grinding the nail edges using a [nail grinder](#) or a filer. Ensure there aren't any sharp edges left. Some owners prefer using [nail grinders](#) instead of clippers because they are

easy to control and give a smooth finish. Whatever tool you use, provide serious attention to the precautions to ensure safe puppy grooming.

## Conclusion

Getting your puppy accustomed to grooming is difficult but not impossible. You have to start early and focus on the proper techniques. Start puppy grooming around 10 to 16 weeks of age. Veterinarians recommend that the puppy get its first grooming session before 16 weeks. Start with the essential steps like bathing, hair brushing, teeth brushing, and minor hair trim. Then proceed to more significant steps like first bath, first nail trim, and complete haircut.

Try to make the first experiences happy and pleasant because the puppy will remember them forever and associate them with the upcoming sessions. Also, train your pup in advance by holding it often, so it doesn't react when you try to hold it for grooming. Puppy grooming indeed requires enormous effort, but with the correct method, you can nail it.