

# Grooming Tips, Tricks, & Samples

Keeping your pup groomed can be overwhelming if you've never had a doodle or dog that required grooming! Your dog's grooming routine will vary based on his/her coat and your preferences. We've created this guide to give you some pointers and pictures of other pups. It is often helpful to show your groomer a photo of the look you prefer!



## Daily Maintenance:

Brushing your pups coat daily with a brush will help prevent tangles and mattes. This is also an excellent time to bond with your puppy as you stroke and cuddle with them. If you have kids, this is an excellent task for them to help out with! There are links on the Shopping List on the website to the Chris Christenson brush or a Wet brush (made for humans but works great for doodles as well!)

## Ears:

Poodles are prone to ear infections due to the shape of their ears. You can help prevent this by keeping your puppy's ears clean. Our vet encourages the groomer to pull the hair in their ears to prevent dirt from becoming stuck in the puppy's hair and causing infection. You can purchase Ear Cleaner online or in any pet store. We monitor our dog's ears and clean their ears periodically, prevention goes a long way in avoiding an ear infection. It is a simple process, you simply squirt the ear wash into the dog's ear (they will shake their head around which allows the cleaner to enter their ear), then use cotton balls to clean the dirt from the ear. You may be surprised how much dirt your cute little puppy can hide in their ears!

## Eyes:

Tear Staining can happen (small collections of dirt and dust that collect at the corner of your dog's eyes). You can use a washcloth with warm water to keep your puppy's eyes clean and clear. This is worse in poodles than doodles, but something to be aware of!

## Grooming:

The frequency of grooming for your pup will depend on his/her individual coat as well as your preferences (do you like a closely groomed or more shaggy look?). After your puppy has received all of their vaccines (usually around 12 weeks), you should schedule your puppy for grooming. They will probably won't need much of a haircut, but exposure to the groomer, sounds, smells, etc is very important during this Critical Socialization Period! We do our best to get them used to bathing and the blow dryer but exposing them early is invaluable!



Sample Photos:

