

# Dog grooming schedule

How often to brush and bathe by coat type, what every coat needs, your dog's plan and a grooming log.

A routine, not medical advice. If your dog's skin or coat changes, or grooming hurts, stop and ask your vet.

## Your dog

|           |                   |
|-----------|-------------------|
| Name      | Breed             |
| Coat type | Groomer and phone |

## By coat type

| Coat (for example)                                                    | Brushing                    | Bath                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Smooth</b><br>Chihuahua, Jack Russell Terrier                      | Once a week (RKC)           | Only when needed (VCA) |
| <b>Short</b><br>Labrador Retriever, Mastiff                           | Once a week (RKC)           | Only when needed (VCA) |
| <b>Double</b><br>German Spitz, Welsh Corgi Pembroke                   | More than once a week (RKC) | Only when needed (VCA) |
| <b>Medium-length</b><br>Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Cocker Spaniel | More than once a week (RKC) | Only when needed (VCA) |
| <b>Wire</b><br>Miniature Schnauzer, West Highland White Terrier       | More than once a week (RKC) | Every 6 weeks (VCA)    |
| <b>Long</b><br>Yorkshire Terrier, Shih Tzu                            | Every day (VCA)             | Every 4 weeks (AKC)    |
| <b>Curly</b><br>Poodle, Bichon Frise                                  | Every day (VCA)             | Every 6 weeks (VCA)    |
| <b>Hairless</b><br>Chinese Crested                                    | No brushing (AKC)           | Once a week (AKC)      |

Sources: RKC, the Royal Kennel Club; VCA, VCA Animal Hospitals; AKC, the American Kennel Club; AAHA, the American Animal Hospital Association. Breeds differ: ask your groomer or vet about yours.

## Every coat

- Nail trim: every 3 weeks (AKC).
- Ear check and cleaning: once a month (AKC).
- Tooth brushing: every day (AAHA).
- Groomer, for coats that need clipping: every 6 weeks (AKC).
- Eyes, for breeds prone to tear stains and flat-faced breeds: every day (AKC).
- Skin folds, for wrinkled breeds: every day (RKC).
- Shedding seasons, late spring and late fall: brush every day if your dog sheds seasonally (VCA).

Notes: products, tools, the groomer's advice

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## Your dog's plan

| Task               | How often | Last done | Next due | Who |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----|
| Brushing           |           |           |          |     |
| Bath               |           |           |          |     |
| Nail trim          |           |           |          |     |
| Ears               |           |           |          |     |
| Teeth              |           |           |          |     |
| Eyes or skin folds |           |           |          |     |
| Groomer            |           |           |          |     |
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## Grooming log

| Date | Task | Who | Notes: coat, skin, nails, ears |
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