

Steps for Grooming:

Pre Work:

Examine the condition of the animal:

- a. does the skin appear to be healthy?
- b. does the pet smell foul?
- c. does the skin appear red or inflamed?
- d. does the pet scratch or itch?
- e. are any parasites present?
- f. is the coat oily, filmy, dry or limp?
- g. type of dog: active, outdoor, pampered?
- h. how often is this animal groomed?
- i. what do the ears look like? do they smell? is there anything in them? any discharge?

Bathing and Drying:

1. Read the intake card for special instructions with your group members.
2. Gather the items needed to bathe the dog, shampoo, conditioners, towels, etc.
3. Secure the pet in the tub using the tub noose.
4. Turn on the water and check to see the temperature is ok.
5. Wet the body. When washing the face cover the eyes and gentle wet. You may use a cup or bowl to wet the face.
6. Apply the shampoo and start massaging it in all over the body.
 - a. be sure to wash:
 - i. tail
 - ii. belly
 - iii. feet
 - iv. rump
 - b. Face washing:
 - i. when lathering the face/muzzle area : cover the eyes so as to not get soap in them
 - ii. be sure to not get water in the ears
 - iii. try to get very little water in the nose
 - c. If there are FLEAS: let the shampoo sit on the dog for 5 to 10 minutes.
 - d. In the case that the dog is quite dirty repeat the shampooing process again.
7. Rinse completely!
8. "Eye boogers" - apply warm water to soften and then use a flea comb to remove
9. Optional: apply conditioner and let sit for an average of 5 to 10 minutes.
 - a. rinse completely
10. Run your hands over the dog's coat to remove excess water.

11. Dry the dog with towels. Including the tail!
12. Carefully remove the dog from the tub.
13. Secure the dog to the grooming table and begin using the dryer. *Keep towels to dry if need be.
14. While drying brush the coat with the grain.
15. Follow any special instructions for the animal.

Trimming:

1. Nails
 - a. put the animal's head through the grooming noose or use another proper restraint
 - b. start on a rear foot and then move forward
 - c. if the pet starts to move brace your hand against the table to stabilize
 - d. IF the nail is trimmed too close apply styptic powder
2. Trimming the pads
3. Ear Cleaning
 - a. check for discharge or foul smell, parasites, anything abnormal
 - b. apply the cleaning solution to a cotton ball and begin to clean the inside of the ear
 - c. if need be use a hemostat to remove hair(if breed requires it)
4. Brushing/Combing
 - a. select the correct brush based on coat type: short haired, long haired, etc
 - b. brush first, comb only to get what brush missed
5. Sanitary Trimming
 - a. area between the eyes
 - b. in front of the ear canal
 - c. groin area
 - d. under the tail