

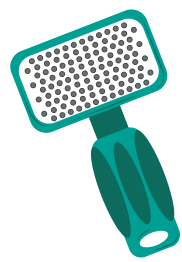
VBSPCA

GROOMING 101

TIPS FOR CARING FOR YOUR PETS

All dogs and cats need regular grooming to stay happy and healthy. Proper grooming includes keeping your pet's eyes, ears, skin, nails, teeth, and fur clean. While all pets benefit from regular grooming, pets with long hair need a little extra attention to prevent their fur from getting tangled or matted.

Brushing your pet's hair regularly does more than keep their hair tangle-free. It also removes dirt, spreads natural oils through their coat, and helps keep their skin clean. Brushing your pet's hair is the perfect time to make sure there are no fleas or ticks on your pet.



Pets with long hair will need to be brushed daily to remove tangles and prevent matting while pets with short hair only need to be brushed 1-2 times per week.



Dogs should be bathed at least once every 3 months. Cats are mainly self-bathers, but if your feline friend is overly dirty you may need to give them a bath.



Dogs with long, silky coats will need to have their hair trimmed approximately every 4-6 weeks. It should be noted that dogs who have long hair and a double coat should never be shaved down.



The amount of time between nail trims depends on how quickly your pet's nails grow. On average nails should be clipped every 3-4 weeks, but it should be done as often as needed to keep the nail from touching the ground.



You may choose to purchase the necessary equipment to groom your own pet, but you should enlist the help of a professional groomer when needed.