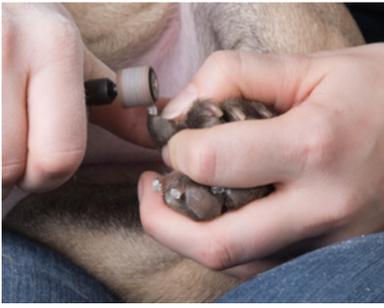


REGULAR GROOMING

HELPS TO KEEP YOUR DOG HEALTHY!



CLICK! CLICK! CLICK!

If you can hear clicking on the floor, the nails are too long. Long nails cause discomfort and cause your dog to walk irregularly. Not to mention terror on your floors! I recommend the use of a nail grinder which is safer than clippers and creates an even edge.

WIPE OUT THE EARS

Dogs are prone to ear infections. It's important to keep their ears clean. Wipe them out occasionally with a cotton ball moistened with rubbing alcohol or mineral oil.



BRUSH OFTEN...



At least 3 times a week to remove the dead hair. Do not allow mats to form as they can become difficult to remove and are breeding grounds for insects and germs. Your groomer can advise you on the proper tools but generally a soft-bristled brush is good for shorthaired dogs while longer-haired ones might use a wire brush and/or a shedding blade. I highly recommend the [Dirty Dog Grooming Mitt](#) (one of the products from my Dog Gone Smart Pet Products Line).

...TEETH TOO

Dogs can develop tarter and gum disease and eventually lose teeth, so brush them often. You can use a toothbrush and toothpaste to do this. Be sure to use products made especially for dogs. Dogs do not spit out tooth paste so it needs to be a kind that is safe for them to swallow. There is a natural preventative that might work for you discussed in my blog [Nature's Toothbrush - The Secret Your Veterinarian May Not Want You to Know](#).



RUB-A-DUB



Bathing too often is just as problematic as not bathing enough. Too often and your dog's coat will dry out and not protect the skin. Not often enough and the coat will get oily and odor-causing bacteria love dog oil. Use products designed as specifically as possible for your dog's breed and coat type. Be sure to rinse out the soap very thoroughly and dry completely. I recommend The [Dirty Dog Shammy](#) (another product in my Dog Gone Smart Pet Products Line) for drying.

CHECK FOR TICKS!

Check carefully and check frequently. To remove a tick, first soak a cotton ball in rubbing alcohol and hold it on the tick for several seconds to make it loosen its grip. Then use tweezers to firmly grasp and remove the tick. Be sure to get the head out completely. Flush the tick down the toilet and don't forget to check yourself! If you want to use a preventative product, check with your vet for recommendations.

