Home Pet Grooming Guide

You can do this! It's not rocket science and it may be harder for you & may not look as good as I can do but you may be surprised, maybe there's an inner dog groomer in you! Good Luck + Call me if you need me! PS. An extra set of hands will help a lot. They can hold and keep the dog still for you. No baby talking until tasks are completed. Once a task is completed praise, praise, praise + some treats occasionally too!

Paw Spa Mobile Grooming is not responsible for any injuries or accidents! Please call me if you need any help and I'll try to help as much as I am able.

Tools Needed:

* = Must Haves!

*Tearless Shampoo-Face & Body

Blueberry Bliss Shampoo-Body only-Brightens coat and smells yummy!

<u>Conditioner</u>- I usually use conditioner unless pet has a greasy coat. Could be helpful if you have knots/tangles too

Detangler Spray-If you have knots/matts

*Cotton Balls

*<u>Ear Cleaning Wipes</u>: Diy version: 2parts isopropyl alcohol, 1part white vinegar wet cotton ball with solution (stinky but goes away)

*Slicker Brush

*<u>Comb</u>

Dematting Tool- If you have knots/matts

Nail File or Dremel

<u>Ball tipped scissors</u>-Tip: If using scissors to cut length off dogs ears hold your finger between the edge of ear leather and scissors to prevent cutting into the ear leather.

<u>Cordless Clipper w/clipper comb attachments</u>-For the brave only! Please be careful and watch video linked below. A Cordless clipper might make this job easier for you but if you already have a regular corded clipper that has comb attachments just use that. Must be no tangles in the coat!

This is the order I groom my dogs in. You have the luxury of doing a little here and there as you choose videos are linked just click on what you want to do.

- 1. <u>Grind or file nails</u>-Praise & Treats here
- 2. <u>Clean Ears</u>-After cleaning if bathing stuff a little cotton in each ear to prevent water from getting into the ear canal and causing infections. Praise

- 3. <u>Brush</u> if tangles/matts are present. Give praise, snuggles & treats here
- 4. <u>Bath Time</u>- I clean eye gunkies in the bath when I washing the face. You can use a little flea comb if you have one and it really gunky. Praise here.
- 5. Blow Dry or Air Dry: Lightly comb or brush coat. Tip for blow drying: You can cut the top of a tube sock off to place over ears slide over dogs face and cover ears if using blow dryer noise. Use high/cool setting for body, Low/cool for face (be careful not to blow in ears).
- 6. Brush & comb thoroughly. Give praise, snuggles & treats here

Optional: <u>Clipper Comb Haircut</u>-Video

Suggested Length: 0 comb or 5/8" over 30 blade. Same length all over: Body, legs, neck & head.

*You can use an A comb or 3/4" on the top knot/top of head if you prefer this be a little longer. Follow the direction of hair growth with your clipper strokes.

Tip: Placing your pet on an elevated surface such as a washer& dryer with a towel laid down will make this task easier an extra pair of hands would help too. When pet is elevated keep one hand on pet at all times!

Well Done! Did you find your inner groomer? I hope your groom turned out well and that you & your pet enjoyed this extra special bonding time. You may be exhausted but you have a clean happy fur baby!

Please send me some pics or post them on my facebook so we can all see!

I miss all of my fur babies so much! I'm counting the days until I see all their beautiful little faces again!