

Affinpincsher



- Temperament: [Confident, Famously Funny, Fearless](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 149 of 194
- Height: 9-11.5 inches
- Weight: 7-10 pounds
- Life Expectancy: 12-15 years
- Group: [Toy Group](#)

• GROOMING

- The Affenpinscher's medium-length, wiry coat should be groomed twice a week, first with a brush and then with a metal comb. Any mats should be pulled apart with the fingers. The hair on the head is usually brushed forward over the face, and then an inverted V-shape is cut to expose the eyes. Similarly, the hair on the bridge of the nose is trimmed into a fan shape to keep the eyes clear. Affens should also have their [nails trimmed](#) and their [teeth](#)
- ***Daily Brushing & Weekly Deep Brushing***
- ***Professional Grooming every 4-5 weeks for nails & dremel/sanitary/ears/dental care and coat maintenance***

AFGHAN HOUND



- [Independent, Sweet, Silly](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 113 of 194
- Height: 25-27 inches
- Weight: 50-60 pounds
- Life Expectancy: 12-18 years
- Group: [Hound Group](#)

GROOMING

Afghan puppies have short, fuzzy coats (including adorable facial hair called “monkey whiskers”) that require little maintenance. They don’t stay that way for long, however. As is to be expected, the long, silky coat of an adolescent or adult Afghan requires regular [grooming](#). Several hours per week of brushing are needed to keep the hair free of tangles and mats, as well as to remove any debris. Keeping the hair clean and mat-free is the key to keeping the Afghan’s glorious coat looking its best. [Regular bathing](#), with shampoo and conditioner, is also required. Like all breeds, Afghans should have their [nails trimmed](#) and their [teeth brushed](#) regularly.

***Daily Brushing & Weekly Deep Brushing
Professional Grooming every 4-5 weeks for nails & dremel/sanitary/ears/dental care
and coat maintenance.***

AIREDALE TERRIER



- Temperament: [Friendly, Clever, Courageous](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 55 of 194
- Height: 23 inches
- Weight: 50-70 pounds
- Life Expectancy: 11-14 years
- Group: [Terrier Group](#)

GROOMING

The Airedale has a short, wiry coat that needs relatively little maintenance. Weekly [brushing](#) keeps the coat looking good and has the additional advantage of removing dead hair that would otherwise be shed around the house. (Some people with dog allergies have found that they can share a living space with a well-brushed Airedale without suffering any symptoms.) |

***Daily Brushing & Weekly Deep Brushing
Professional Grooming every 5-6 weeks for nails & dremel/sanitary/ears/dental care
and coat maintenance***

AKITA



- Temperament: [Courageous, Dignified, Profoundly Loyal](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 46 of 194
- Height: 26-28 inches (male), 24-26 inches (female)
- Weight: 100-130 pounds (male), 70-100 pounds (female)
- Life Expectancy: 10-13 years
- Group: [Working Group](#)

GROOMING

Akitas tend to be clean and have little “doggy odor.” They don’t require extensive grooming, but their thick, luxurious double coat should be brushed at least once a week to look its best. Although Akitas shed only minimally most of the time, expect their dense undercoat to “blow” twice a year, where it will shed so profusely that it comes out in clumps all over your house. During this time it helps to brush the dog more frequently to get rid of the dead coat. The [nails](#) should also be trimmed regularly, as overly long nails can cause pain and problems for the dog. Remember also to brush the dog’s [teeth](#) often to ensure dental health.

***Daily Brushing & Weekly Deep Brushing
Professional Grooming every 5-6 weeks for nails & dremel/sanitary/ears/dental care
and coat maintenance. Semi-annual DeFURminator and deshedding.***

ALASKA MALAMUTE



- [Affectionate, Loyal, Playful](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 59 of 194
- Height: 25 inches (male), 23 inches (female)
- Weight: 85 pounds (male), 75 pounds (female)
- Life Expectancy: 10-14 years
- Group: [Working Group](#)

GROOMING

The thick, waterproof double coat of the Alaskan Malamute is beautifully adapted to harsh Arctic life, but it requires constant upkeep. A Malamute should [be brushed](#) every day with a pin brush and metal comb, all the while checking for mats, which can harbor fungus, and hot spots, which can become infected. Twice a year, during shedding season, an undercoat rake should be added to the regimen. Show Malamutes are often bathed weekly, but a pet Malamute can go six to eight weeks between baths. [Conditioner](#) can be used, in moderation, if the coat feels dry. As with all breeds, the Malamute's [nails](#) should be trimmed regularly.

2-3 Times a Week Brushing
5-6 Weeks Professional Groom/Skin Treatment and Conditioning/ear cleaning/nails & Dremel/sanitary/dental care

AMERICAN ESKIMO DOG



- Temperament: [Playful, Perky, Smart](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 122 of 194
- Height: 9-12 inches (toy), 12-15 inches (miniature), 15-19 inches (Standard)
- Weight: 6-10 pounds (toy), 10-20 pounds (miniature), 25-35 pounds (standard)
- Life Expectancy: 13-15 years
- Group: [Non-Sporting Group](#)

GROOMING

The American Eskimo Dog's fluffy, white double coat — a short, dense undercoat below the longer outer coat — is surprisingly easy to keep clean. However, Eskies shed almost constantly. A [thorough brushing](#) two or three times a week will remove dead hairs before they can be shed, as well as help to prevent matting. The oil on an Eskie's fur prevents dirt from adhering, so a good brushing is usually enough to remove it. As with all breeds, the Eskie's [nails](#) should be trimmed regularly.

2-3 Times a Week Brushing
5-6 Weeks Professional Groom/Skin Treatment and Conditioning/ear cleaning/nails & Dremel/sanitary/dental care

AMERICAN STAFFORDSHIRE TERRIER



- Temperament: [Confident, Smart, Good-Natured](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 81 of 194
- Height: 18-19 inches (male), 17-18 inches (female)
- Weight: 55-70 pounds (male), 40-55 pounds (female)
- Life Expectancy: 12-16 years
- Group: [Terrier Group](#)

GROOMING

Taking care of the AmStaff's short, stiff coat is remarkably easy. A quick once-over with a [soft bristle brush](#) every week is usually enough to remove any dirt or other foreign matter. What's more, a good brushing distributes skin oils throughout the coat to help keep it healthy. As with all breeds, the AmStaff's nails should be trimmed regularly, as overly long nails can be painful and cause the dog problems while walking and running.

2-3 Times a Week Brushing
5-6 Weeks Professional Groom/Skin Treatment and Conditioning/ear cleaning/nails & Dremel/sanitary/dental care

AMERICAN WATER SPANIEL



- Temperament: [Eager, Happy, Charming](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 156 of 194
- Height: 15-18 inches
- Weight: 30-45 pounds (male), 25-40 pounds (female)
- Life Expectancy: 10-14 years
- Group: [Sporting Group](#)

GROOMING

The American Water Spaniel has a dense, waterproof coat that can be either tightly curled or wavy. The breed was bred to work in the icy waters of the Great Lakes region, and its insulating, double-layer coat makes that possible. Weekly [grooming](#) is required, but it is a fairly simple process. During the summer, the coat is sparser, and can be brought into shape with a rubber-tipped pin brush. The rest of the year, and especially during [shedding](#) season, a slicker brush should be used to remove the dead hair from the undercoat. As with all breeds, the American Water Spaniel's [nails](#) should be trimmed regularly.

*2-3 Times a Week Brushing
4-5 Weeks Professional Groom/Skin Treatment and Conditioning/ear
cleaning/nails & Dremel/sanitary/dental care*

BARBET



- Temperament: [Friendly, Bright, Sweet-Natured](#)
- Height: 19-24.5 inches
- Weight: 35-65 pounds
- Life Expectancy: 12-14 years
- Group: [Miscellaneous Class](#)

GROOMING

Grooming can be a wonderful bonding experience for you and your dog. The proper grooming of a Barbet starts with a full brush-out, a comb through to the skin, and a good bath. An after-bath blow drying will straighten the hair and make a fluff ball ready for a scissor trim. An all-over trim to approximately 3 to 5 inches in length to show the shape of the body is preferred, while the head, ears and tail remain longer. For the purpose of showing, the hair on the head must reach the muzzle. After the trim, the Barbet must be wet down and left to air-dry to regain his natural curls.

A Barbet's strong, fast-growing nails should be trimmed regularly with a nail clipper or grinder to avoid overgrowth, splitting and cracking. Ears should be checked regularly to avoid a buildup of wax and debris, which can result in infection. Teeth should be brushed regularly.

Weekly Brushing
4-5 Weeks Professional Bathing/Nails/Dremel/Ears/Sanitary/Dental care/Skin
Conditioning and Bath

BASENJI



- Temperament: **Independent, Smart, Poised**
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 88 of 194
- Height: 17 inches (male), 16 inches (female)
- Weight: 24 pounds (male), 22 pounds (female)
- Life Expectancy: 13-14 years

GROOMING

Basenjis are fastidious creatures. Their short coat is a breeze to take care of, generally requiring no more than a quick once-over with a soft-bristle brush, a rubber grooming mitt or tool, or a hound glove every week. **Brushing** distributes skin oils throughout the coat to help keep it healthy and looking its best. Basenjis don't have a "doggy" smell, and they usually don't need to be **bathed** unless they get into something particularly messy. As with all breeds, the Basenji's **nails** should be trimmed regularly, because overly long nails can cause the dog pain as well as problems walking and running.

Weekly Brushing With Mitt

Professional Grooming every 5-6 weeks for nails & dremel/sanitary/ears/dental care and coat maintenance