

# Bergamasco Sheepdog



- Temperament: [Independent](#), [Sociable](#), [Intelligent](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 184 of 194
- Height: 23.5 inches (male), 22 inches (female)
- Weight: 70-84 pounds (male), 57-71 pounds (female)
- Life Expectancy: 13-15 years
- Group: [Herding Group](#)

## GROOMING

The coat of an adult Bergamasco is made up of three types of hair, called “dog,” “goat,” and “wool.” Goat and wool hairs don’t start to appear until the dog is a year old. When they do, the coat must be ripped into mats—a process that can take a few hours or a few evenings. But once it’s done, it’s done. A Bergamasco doesn’t shed, doesn’t need to be brushed, and doesn’t need to be bathed more than four-six times a year. Because the coat aids in thermoregulation, a Bergamasco should never be shaved down. As with all breeds, the Bergamasco’s [nails](#) should be trimmed regularly.

**Grooming: Bath for nails/Dremel/ears/sanitary/dental,  
maintenance only  
about every 8-12 weeks**

# Bernese Mountain Dog

- Temperament: [Good-Natured, Calm, Strong](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 27 of 194
- Height: 25-27.5 inches (male), 23-26 inches (female)
- Weight: 80-115 pounds (male), 70-95 pounds (female)
- Life Expectancy: 7-10 years
- Group: [Working Group](#)



## GROOMING

The Bernese Mountain Dog has a double coat, with a longer outer coat and a wooly undercoat. Berners shed a fair amount, even more so during [shedding](#) season, which occurs twice a year. Weekly brushing—daily during shedding season—will help to remove loose hair and keep the dog looking his best. Any tangles can be worked out with a slicker brush or metal comb. As with all breeds, the [nails](#) should be trimmed regularly, as overly long nails can cause the dog pain and structural problems.

***2-3 Times a Week Brushing***

**Professional Grooming at least every 6 weeks**

**DeFURminator Highly Recommended**

**Grooming should include special attention to coat, nails, Dremel, dental, ears, sanitary**

# Bichon Frise



- Temperament: [Playful, Curious, Peppy](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 45 of 194
- Height: 9.5-11.5 inches
- Weight: 12-18 pounds
- Life Expectancy: 14-15 years
- Group: [Non-Sporting Group](#)

## GROOMING

Bichons should be brushed at least two or three times a week, but every day is best. They need a [bath](#) and a clipping at least once a month. Owners who show their Bichons learn to do this, but most pet owners take their Bichon to the groomer every four to six weeks. The Bichon is considered to be relatively hypoallergenic, as the breed sheds very little because the shed hair is caught up in the undercoat. That shed hair has to be brushed out to prevent mats from forming. As with all breeds, the Bichon's [nails](#) should be trimmed regularly as well.

*Specialty/Professional 4-5 weeks maximum  
Special Attention to Undercoat, Nails, Dremel, Ears, Teeth, Sanitary*

# Biewer Terrier



- Temperament: [Intelligent](#), [Devoted](#), [Amusing](#)
- Height: 7-11 inches
- Weight: 4-8 pounds
- Life Expectancy: 16 years
- Group: [Foundation Stock Service](#)

## GROOMING

The Biewer Terrier has a long coat that requires daily brushing. There is minimal matting with the silkier coat, but the soft coats may get some mats. If you choose to keep your Biewer in a short coat, minimal brushing is needed. Good-quality products are recommended to keep the coat in its soft, silky condition.

Their nails should be trimmed regularly with a nail clipper and grinder to avoid overgrowth, splitting and cracking. Their ears should be checked regularly to avoid a buildup of wax and debris, which can result in an infection. Teeth should be brushed regularly.

*2-3 Times a Week Brushing/ Professional Grooming Every 4-5 Weeks*

# Black Russian Terrier



- Temperament: [Intelligent, Calm, Powerful](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 119 of 194
- Height: 27-30 inches (male), 26-29 inches (female)
- Weight: 80-130 pounds
- Life Expectancy: 10-12 years
- Group: [Working Group](#)

## GROOMING

The Black Russian Terrier's tousled double coat—a thick, soft undercoat covered by a coarse, protective outer coat—needs regular maintenance to prevent mats from forming, with a thorough [brushing](#) once or twice a week. Your professional groomer will scissor around the face, especially his beard and mustache, to keep him looking his best, and rely on a him or her to do the job. A nail trim and Dremel will also be done by a groomer, as well as their ears, sanitary expression, and thorough teeth cleaning..

### Daily Brushing

Professional Grooming Every 4-6 Weeks with Special Scissor Expertise on Face and Body, DeFURminator Annually in Spring if needed

# Bolognese



- Temperament: [Playful, Easy-Going, Devoted](#)
- Height: 10-12 inches
- Weight: 5.5-9 pounds
- Life Expectancy: 12-14 years
- Group: [Foundation Stock Service](#)

## GROOMING

The Bolognese has an all-white coat that is soft and fluffy like the texture of cotton. He is also “non-shedding,” so low to mild allergy sufferers should not be greatly affected. Bolognese coats are unshaped and untrimmed except for around their eyes for sanitary reasons. Regular grooming is needed if the Bolognese is kept in its full coat. For easier maintenance, many people are satisfied with keeping their Bolo in a shorter coat of about one inch, leaving the untrimmed “mop head” around the face.

Beyond regular grooming, the occasional bath will keep your Bolognese clean and looking his best. Nails should be trimmed occasionally 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 an infection. Teeth should be brushed regularly.

*2-3 Times a Week Brushing*  
*Professional Grooming 4-5 Weeks Minimum*

# Border Collie



- Temperament: [Affectionate](#), [Smart](#), [Energetic](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 38 of 194
- Height: 19-22 inches (male), 18-21 inches (female)
- Weight: 30-55 pounds
- Life Expectancy: 12-15 years
- Group: [Herding Group](#)

## GROOMING

There are two types of coat in the breed. The rough coat is medium-length and feathered, while the smooth coat is shorter and coarser. Both are dense, weather-resistant double coats. [Grooming](#) is the same for both: going over the dog with a pin brush once or twice a week, more often if needed, to keep the coat free of mats, tangles, dirt, and debris. During [shedding](#) season, daily brushing is required. As with all breeds, the BC's [nails](#) should be trimmed and dremeled regularly.

*2-3 Times a Week Brushing*

*Grooming every 5-6 weeks Defurminator*

# Brussels Griffon



- Temperament: [Loyal, Alert, Curious](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 97 of 194
- Height: 7-10 inches
- Weight: 8-10 pounds
- Life Expectancy: 12-15 years
- Group: [Toy Group](#)

## GROOMING

There are two types of Brussels Griffon, with two types of coats: smooth and rough. With the smooth-coated Griffon, weekly [brushing](#)—daily during shedding season, which is usually a week or two in the spring, and then again in the fall—and the occasional bath will help to remove dirt and loose hair and keep the dog looking his best. Rough-coated Griffons do not shed. Many have their hair—except for the distinctive beard—clipped short, by a professional groomer. As with all breeds, the [nails](#) should be trimmed and fremeled regularly, as overly long nails can be painful to the dog and cause problems walking and running.

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

# Cairn Terrier



- Temperament: [Alert, Cheerful, Busy](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 70 of 194
- Height: 10 inches (male), 9.5 inches (female)
- Weight: 14 pounds (male), 13 pounds (female)
- Life Expectancy: 13-15 years
- Group: [Terrier Group](#)

## GROOMING

Cairn Terriers are generally easy keepers, although weekly brushing and combing are recommended, as well as periodic hand-stripping to maintain the coat's texture. Having a comb and soft slicker brush handy will help with the grooming tasks. With a new puppy, spending time together in grooming sessions helps to accustom him or her to being worked with and is an opportunity to develop the bond between you. The [nails](#) should be trimmed regularly, as overly long nails can cause the dog discomfort.

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

# Cardigan Welsh Corgi



- Temperament: [Affectionate](#), [Loyal](#), [Smart](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 69 of 194
- Height: 10.5-12.5 inches
- Weight: 30-38 pounds (male), 25-34 pounds (female)
- Life Expectancy: 12-15 years
- Group: [Herding Group](#)

## GROOMING

A good [brushing](#) at least once a week should keep the Cardigan's coat healthy and looking its best. Keeping the hair trimmed on the bottom of the feet helps to reduce the amount of dirt that an animal can bring into the house every day. The [nails](#) should be kept trimmed as well. Some pet owners mistakenly feel they should have their dog trimmed short for the summer. When the coat of the Cardigan is correct for the breed, this isn't necessary. The correct coat has the essential characteristics to maintain proper body temperature, as long as conditions are normal. It should be noted, however, that a black dog will absorb more heat on a sunny day, and care should be taken to avoid overexposure during hot weather.

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