

Doberman Pinscher



- Temperament: [Loyal, Fearless, Alert](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 15 of 194
- Height: 26-28 inches (male), 24-26 inches (female)
- Weight: 75-100 pounds (male), 60-90 pounds (female)
- Life Expectancy: 10-12 years

Group: [Working Group](#)

GROOMING

Although mostly a “wash and wear” breed, some routine grooming will help to keep the Doberman in optimal condition. A quick going-over daily with a short-bristled brush or a grooming mitt will keep his coat shiny and healthy. He should have his [nails](#) trimmed at least monthly, and his [teeth](#) brushed regularly. The [ears](#) should be wiped out carefully every few days—a little baby oil on a paper towel is good for this.

Professional grooming bath every 12 weeks with ear, oral, nail and Dremel, sanitary care, and coat conditioning.

English Bulldog



- Temperament: [Friendly, Courageous, Calm](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 4 of 194
- Height: 14-15 inches
- Weight: 50 pounds (male), 40 pounds (female)
- Life Expectancy: 8-10 years
- Group: [Non-Sporting Group](#)

GROOMING

An all-over [brushing](#) with a soft brush for 10 minutes two or three times a week will keep the Bulldog looking his best. During periods of [heavier shedding](#), it can help to first use a rubber curry brush. The wrinkles on the Bulldog's face need to be regularly checked to make sure the skin is clean and dry, as food or moisture can get trapped and cause irritation or infection. A cotton ball dipped in peroxide can be used to clean the wrinkles, and cornstarch can be applied afterward to aid in drying—although neither should be used near the eyes. The ears and the area under the tail should be kept clean, and the dog's [nails](#) trimmed every two weeks or so.

Professional grooming bath and skin conditioning every 6-8 weeks with deshedding, ear care, oral care, nail and dremeling, sanitary, special attention to face wrinkles and rash areas.

English Cocker Spaniel



- [Energetic, Merry, Responsive](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 56 of 194
- Height: 16-17 inches (male), 15-16 inches (female)
- Weight: 28-34 pounds (male), 26-32 pounds (female)
- Life Expectancy: 12-14 years
- Group: [Sporting Group](#)

GROOMING

Most English Cockers have a fairly profuse coat that requires regular care, including a thorough brushing and combing at least once a week to keep the dog looking his best and to prevent the formation of mats and tangles. In addition, the dog is usually trimmed every month in certain areas—around the feet, on the face, under the neck, on the underside of the ears, and under the tail. A professional groomer uses scissors, thinning shears and a stripping tool, as well as clippers to do an overall trim and help keep up the English Cocker's neat appearance. The [ears](#) should be checked and cleaned of debris and excess wax, and the [nails](#) should be trimmed at least monthly.

*2-3 Times a Week Brushing/Monthly Grooming
Bath/coat conditioning/nails/dremeling/ears/sanitary/scissor & clipper
cut/oral care*

English Springer Spaniel



- Temperament: [Friendly, Playful, Obedient](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 26 of 194
- Height: 20 inches (male), 19 inches (female)
- Weight: 50 pounds (male), 40 pounds (female)
- Life Expectancy: 12-14 years
- Group: [Sporting Group](#)

GROOMING

Weekly [brushing](#) will help to remove dirt and loose hair and keep the Springer's coat healthy, shining, and free of mats. Any tangles can be worked out with a slicker brush or metal dog comb. The Springer should be trimmed by a professional groomer for clipping and neatening-up of the coat, particularly the feet, the areas around the head and neck, and under the tail. As with all breeds, the [nails](#) should be trimmed regularly, as overly long nails can be painful to the dog and cause problems walking and running.

*2-3 Times a Week Brushing/Monthly Grooming
Bath/coat conditioning/nails/dremeling/ears/sanitary/scissor & clipper
cut/oral care*

Field Spaniel



- Temperament: Sweet, Fun-Loving, Sensitive
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 147 of 194
- Height: 18 inches (male), 17 inches (female)
- Weight: 35-50 pounds
- Life Expectancy: 12-13 years
- Group: Sporting Group

GROOMING

The lovely single coat is one of the breed's most attractive features but requires regular care and maintenance. Bi-Weekly brushing and combing will keep the coat shiny and help to reduce shedding. Fields need trimming about the head and feet. The breed is not to be body clipped as some other spaniels. Their ears should be checked regularly for any signs of infection, and the teeth should be brushed often, using a toothpaste designed for dogs.

*2-3 Times a Week Brushing/Monthly Grooming
Bath/coat conditioning/nails/dremeling/ears/sanitary/scissor & clipper
cut/oral care*

Finnish Spitz



- Temperament: [Friendly, Good-Natured, Lively](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 179 of 194
- Height: 17.5-20 inches (male), 15.5-18 inches (female)
- Weight: 25-33 pounds (male), 20-28 pounds (female)
- Life Expectancy: 13-15 years
- Group: [Non-Sporting Group](#)

GROOMING

The Finnish Spitz is a “natural” breed that some owners refer to as “wash and wear.” The breed standard is very specific. Baths and cleaning of ears, nails trimming, etc. are needed but they do not need coats cut. During their twice-yearly [shedding](#) season, daily brushing or a [bath](#) followed by a cool-temperature blow-dry and brushing will speed up this process, and a good quality comb and a slicker brush are very useful in getting out the undercoat. The shedding is more severe in an intact female. The coat of a spayed female can become softer and denser and can take more grooming.

*2-3 Times a Week Brushing/Bi-Monthly Grooming
Bath/coat conditioning/nails/dremeling/ears/sanitary/scissor & clipper
cut/oral care*

French Bulldog



- Temperament: [Adaptable, Playful, Smart](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 6 of 194
- Height: 11-13 inches
- Weight: under 28 pounds
- Life Expectancy: 10-12 years
- Group: [Non-Sporting Group](#)

GROOMING

The Frenchie's short coat sheds minimally. Weekly brushing with a medium-bristle brush, a rubber grooming mitt or tool, or a hound glove will help to remove shed hair and keep him looking his best. Brushing promotes new hair growth and distributes skin oils throughout the coat to help keep it healthy. A Frenchie's facial folds should be kept clean and dry. The Frenchie's [nails](#) should be trimmed regularly, as overly long nails can cause him pain.

Professional nail trimming and dremeling, ear cleaning, sanitary, oral care, bath and skin conditioning, every 2-3 months.

German Shepherd



- Temperament: **Confident, Courageous, Smart**
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 2 of 194
- Height: 24-26 inches (male), 22-24 inches (female)
- Weight: 65-90 pounds (male), 50-70 pounds (female)
- Life Expectancy: 7-10 years

GROOMING

The German Shepherd Dog has a medium-length, double coat consisting of a dense, harsh, and close-lying outer coat with a softer undercoat. The breed is easy to maintain, usually requiring just a quick brushing every few days or so to help remove loose hairs, but they do **shed** more profusely once or twice a year. During these periods, more frequent brushing will help control the amount of hair that ends up around the house and on the furniture. It is important to trim or grind his **nails** every month if they are not worn down naturally, as overly long nails can cause pain and structural issues.

Professional bath and skin conditioning every 3 months with nail care, dremeling, ear cleaning, oral care, sanitary care, and DeFURminator.

Giant Schnauzer



- Temperament: [Loyal, Alert, Trainable](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 79 of 194
- Height: 25.5-27.5 inches (male), 23.5-25.5 inches (female)
- Weight: 60-85 pounds (male), 55-75 pounds (female)
- Life Expectancy: 12-15 years
- Group: [Working Group](#)

GROOMING

The Giant Schnauzer has a dense, wiry, weather-resistant double coat consisting of a soft undercoat and a harsh outer coat. The Giant must be brushed weekly, and clipped or stripped regularly to maintain a healthy and attractive coat. The owner should plan to have the dog periodically groomed by a professional groomer who specializes in the breed. The Giant's ears should be checked regularly for signs of [infection](#), and the [teeth](#) should be brushed often, using a toothpaste formulated for dogs.

Professionally groom every four to six weeks, with special attention to precision cut and trim, ear care, oral care, sanitary care, nail and Dremel, eye cleaning, and foot pads.

Golden Retriever



- Temperament: [Friendly, Intelligent, Devoted](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 3 of 194
- Height: 23-24 inches (male), 21.5-22.5 inches (female)
- Weight: 65-75 pounds (male), 55-65 pounds (female)
- Life Expectancy: 10-12 years
- Group: [Sporting Group](#)

GROOMING

Goldens heavily [shed](#) their thick, water-repellant double coat once or twice a year, and they also shed more moderately on a continuous basis. Most of the time, a good brushing-out with a slicker brush once or twice a week will remove much of the dead hair before it has a chance to fall onto the furniture. During times of heavy shedding, these brushing sessions turn into daily affairs. Baths help to loosen the dead hairs, but the dog must be completely dry before brushing begins. As with all breeds, the Golden's [nails](#) should be trimmed regularly.

Professionally groom every 6-8 weeks, with special attention to DeFURminating with the cut and trim, ear care, oral care, sanitary care, nail and Dremel, eye cleaning, and foot pads.