

Great Dane



- Temperament: [Friendly, Patient, Dependable](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 14 of 194
- Height: 30-32 inches (male), 28-30 inches (female)
- Weight: 140-175 pounds (male), 110-140 pounds (female)
- Life Expectancy: 7-10 years
- Group: [Working Group](#)

GROOMING

For most of the year the Great Dane's short, smooth coat doesn't [shed](#) much, but given the size of the dog, this can still amount to a fair bit of hair. Weekly brushing with a medium-bristle brush, a rubber grooming mitt or tool, or a hound glove will help keep shedding to a minimum. During shedding season once or twice a year, however, hair loss will be more profuse, with a daily brushing ideal. As with all breeds, the Great Dane's [nails](#) should be trimmed regularly, because overly long nails can cause the dog pain as well as problems walking and running.

Professionally groom every 8-10 weeks, with special attention to DeFURminating if shedding, ear care, oral care, sanitary care, nail and Dremel, eye cleaning, and foot pads

Havanese



- Temperament: [Intelligent, Outgoing, Funny](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 23 of 194
- Height: 8.5-11.5 inches
- Weight: 7-13 pounds
- Life Expectancy: 14-16 years
- Group: [Toy Group](#)

GROOMING

The long, soft, and silky coat of the Havanese needs to [be groomed](#) daily to be kept free of mats and tangles. This can be done by gently running a comb or soft brush over the dog while he is on your lap. Pet owners often choose to have their dog's coat clipped to a short trim to reduce grooming time. The Havanese should also be [bathed](#) and groomed fairly often. The corners of the eyes should be gently cleaned daily to prevent tear-stain of the lighter-colored hair in the area. Check the [ears](#) often to remove excess wax or accumulated debris, and wipe out the inside of the ear-flap with a slightly moistened gauze or paper towel.

Professionally groom every 4-5 weeks, with special attention to professional cut, ear care, oral care, sanitary care, nail and Dremel, eye cleaning, and foot pads.

Icelandic Sheepdog



- Temperament: [Friendly, Playful, Inquisitive](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 153 of 194
- Height: 18 inches (male), 16.5 inches (female)
- Weight: 30 pounds (male), 25 pounds (female)
- Life Expectancy: 12-14 years
- Group: [Herding Group](#)

GROOMING

The Icelandic Sheepdog has a profuse double coat, with a longer outer coat and a dense undercoat. Icelandic Sheepdogs [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 dirt and 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 be painful to the dog.

Professionally groom every 8-10 weeks, with special attention to DeFURminating if shedding, ear care, oral care, sanitary care, nail and Dremel, eye cleaning, and foot pads.

Irish Setter



- Temperament: [Active, Outgoing, Sweet-Natured](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 76 of 194
- Height: 27 inches (male), 25 inches (female)
- Weight: 70 pounds (male), 60 pounds (female)
- Life Expectancy: 12-15 years
- Group: [Sporting Group](#)

GROOMING

The Irish Setter's stunning rich-red coat requires moderate grooming to look its best. Irish should be brushed at least twice a week with a pin brush or a soft bristle brush; a long-toothed metal dog comb can also be used to help work out any tangles or mats that may be starting to form. The [nails](#) should be trimmed once a month. An occasional [bath](#) with a gentle shampoo meant for dogs will help to keep the coat and skin clean and healthy. Grooming sessions are a good time to check the dog all over for any new lumps or skin problems, and to check that the eyes and ears are healthy and trouble free.

Professionally groom every 8-10 weeks, with special attention to DeFURminating if shedding, ear care, oral care, sanitary care, nail and Dremel, eye cleaning, and foot pads.

Irish Terrier



- Temperament: [Bold, Dashing, Tenderhearted](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 115 of 194
- Height: 18 inches
- Weight: 27 pounds (male), 25 pounds (female)
- Life Expectancy: 13-15 years
- Group: [Terrier Group](#)

GROOMING

The Irish Terrier's short coat requires regular brushing, stripping, and trimming to keep it in good condition. His dense and wiry broken coat hugs the body and creates a tight, water-resistant jacket. Underneath the stiff outer coat, a dense undercoat of softer, finer hair traps body heat on a cool, damp day. Ideally the outer coat should be hand-stripped rather than clipped. Weekly [brushing](#) will help to remove dirt and loose hair and keep the dog looking his best. The [nails](#) should be trimmed regularly, as overly long nails can cause the dog discomfort.

Professionally groom every 8-10 weeks, with special attention to DeFURminating if shedding, ear care, oral care, sanitary care, nail and Dremel, eye cleaning, and foot pads.

Irish Water Spaniel



- Temperament: [Playful, Hardworking, Brave](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 150 of 194
- Height: 22-24 inches (male), 21-23 inches (female)
- Weight: 55-68 pounds (male), 45-58 pounds (female)
- Life Expectancy: 12-13 years
- Group: [Sporting Group](#)

GROOMING

Begin [grooming](#) the Irish Water Spaniel when he is still a puppy and may not need a lot done yet. He should learn early on that grooming time is a positive experience. Gentle brushing and [nail and ear cleaning](#) should always be part of the grooming regimen. Suitable for allergy sufferers, the breed's hypoallergenic coat requires brushing at least weekly and trimming every five to six weeks to neaten and shape it. Make regular appointments with a groomer who is familiar with the breed.

Professionally groom every 5-7 weeks, with special attention to DeFURminating if shedding, ear care, oral care, sanitary care, nail and Dremel, eye cleaning, and foot pads.

Irish Wolfhound



- Temperament: [Courageous, Dignified, Calm](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 73 of 194
- Height: 32 inches minimum (male), 30 inches minimum (female)
- Weight: 120 pounds (male), 105 pounds (female)
- Life Expectancy: 6-8 years
- Group: [Hound Group](#)

GROOMING

Irish Wolfhounds have a double coat that consists of a harsh, wiry outer coat covering a soft undercoat. They [shed](#) throughout the year, but not to an excessive degree. A thorough [brushing](#) once a week or so will help to remove dirt and loose hair and keep the dog looking his best. Unlike many double-coated breeds, Irish Wolfhounds don't "blow out" their coats during an annual or semi-annual shedding season. 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.

Professionally groom every 5-7 weeks, with special attention to shedding, ear care, oral care, sanitary care, nail and Dremel, eye cleaning, and foot pads

Italian Greyhound



- Temperament: [Playful](#), [Alert](#), [Sensitive](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 72 of 194
- Height: 13-15 inches
- Weight: 7-14 pounds
- Life Expectancy: 14-15 years
- Group: [Toy Group](#)

GROOMING

The most important grooming tip for the Italian Greyhound is that the [teeth](#) must be brushed on a regular basis, preferably daily. Dental cleaning by a veterinarian should be done yearly or as needed. The [nails](#) need regular attention, preferably with a grinding tool. They should not be shortened all the way to the quick. This breed has a hare foot, and the two middle nails can be left slightly longer than the other two.

Professionally groom every 10-12 weeks, with special attention to shedding, ear care, oral care, sanitary care, nail and Dremel, eye cleaning, and foot pads

Japanese Chin



- Temperament: [Charming, Noble, Loving](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 108 of 194
- Height: 8-11 inches
- Weight: 7-11 pounds
- Life Expectancy: 10-12 years
- Group: [Toy Group](#)

GROOMING

The long, silky coat of the Japanese Chin gives him the appearance of a high-maintenance breed, but he is surprisingly easy to maintain in top condition. He will require weekly brushing and a bath once a month or so, depending on his surroundings. The breed's nails grow very fast and should be trimmed regularly to keep them short and neat. Their ears should be checked regularly to avoid a buildup of wax and debris that can cause ear infections, and teeth should be brushed regularly to avoid dental problems.

Professionally groom every 4-5 weeks, with special attention to shedding, ear care, oral care, sanitary care, nail and Dremel, eye cleaning, and foot pads

Keeshond



- Temperament: [Friendly, Lively, Outgoing](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 92 of 194
- Height: 18 inches (male), 17 inches (female)
- Weight: 35-45 pounds
- Life Expectancy: 12-15 years
- Group: [Non-Sporting Group](#)

GROOMING

Keeshonden do require regular [grooming](#), but going through their coats once a week with a pin brush usually does the job. This will keep the undercoat brushed out, and keeps [shedding](#) to a minimum. The only trimming needed is tidying around the feet, pads, and hocks. Pet owners can brush weekly and take their dogs to the groomer for a bath and blow-dry every four to six weeks. Show dogs are bathed a few days before the show weekend.

Professionally groom every 4-5 weeks, with special attention to shedding, ear care, oral care, sanitary care, nail and Dremel, eye cleaning, and foot pads