

Kerry Blue Terrier



- Temperament: [Smart, Alert, People-Oriented](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 127 of 194
- Height: 18-19.5 inches (male), 17.5-19 inches (female)
- Weight: 33-40 pounds (male), females weigh slightly less than males
- Life Expectancy: 12-15 years
- Group: [Terrier Group](#)

GROOMING

Kerries do not [shed](#), so their coat must be thoroughly brushed and combed once a week to avoid matting. Combined with regular brushing, a full grooming every five to seven weeks will keep the coat manageable. The head, neck, ears, and abdomen are done with clippers, but the coat is trimmed with scissors. Your professional groomer is your best resource when keeping your dog's coat healthy and in good condition. Trim the [nails](#) and [clean ears](#) at least twice a month

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

Labrador Retriever



- Temperament: [Friendly, Active, Outgoing](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 1 of 194
- Height: 22.5-24.5 inches (male), 21.5-23.5 inches (female)
- Weight: 65-80 pounds (male), 55-70 pounds (female)
- Life Expectancy: 10-12 years
- Group: [Sporting Group](#)

GROOMING

The Lab has a thick, water-repellant double coat that sheds. Give [occasional baths](#) to keep them clean. As with all breeds, the Lab's [nails](#) should be trimmed regularly and [his teeth](#) brushed frequently.

Professionally groom every 8-12 weeks, with special attention to shedding, ear care, oral care, sanitary care, nail and Dremel, eye cleaning, and foot pads.

Lakeland Terrier



- Temperament: [Friendly, Confident, Bold](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 145 of 194
- Height: 14-15 inches (male), slightly smaller (female)
- Weight: 17 pounds (male), slightly smaller (female)
- Life Expectancy: 12-15 years
- Group: [Terrier Group](#)

GROOMING

Lakelands have a beautiful, harsh double coat when maintained properly by hand plucking. Finding someone who can pluck (or “strip”) a coat is difficult, however. Clipping the coat will also suffice, but with this the color and texture of the coat will fade. Once clipped the coat becomes soft, with loose curls. The hairs tend to not drop out, instead staying caught up in the coat, so the Lakeland is considered a non-shedding breed suitable for people who can’t tolerate lots of dander. Brushing weekly will help to remove the loose hairs and prevent mats.

Professionally groom every 5-6 weeks, with special attention to shedding, ear care, oral care, sanitary care, nail and Dremel, eye cleaning, and foot pads.

Leonberger



- Temperament: [Friendly, Gentle, Playful](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 95 of 194
- Height: 28-31.5 inches (male), 25.5-29.5 inches (female)
- Weight: 110-170 pounds (male), 90-140 pounds (female)
- Life Expectancy: 7 years
- Group: [Working Group](#)

GROOMING

Leonbergers shed a lot—and twice a year, they shed even more. A Leo should be brushed every day, especially in the areas of his body that tend to mat: the long hair behind the ears and on the backs of the legs. A more thorough grooming should be done once a week—and given the breed's size, this will take a fair amount of time. Leos have a thick, full outer coat and a shorter, fluffier undercoat. A metal comb and an undercoat rake can be used to work out the undercoat, and a pin brush and a slicker brush will neaten up the outer coat. In addition, a Leo's nails should be trimmed every other week.

Professionally groom every 3-4 weeks, with special attention to shedding, ear care, oral care, sanitary care, nail and Dremel, eye cleaning, and foot pads

Lhasa Apso



- Temperament: [Confident, Smart, Comical](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 71 of 194
- Height: 10-11 inches (male), slightly smaller (female)
- Weight: 12-18 pounds
- Life Expectancy: 12-15 years
- Group: [Non-Sporting Group](#)

GROOMING

Long hair or puppy cut? Both require regular maintenance, and this is a choice for the owner to make. Lhasas in a puppy cut or other clip still should be [brushed](#) regularly and [bathed](#) with regular visits to the groomer. Long hair requires regular brushing, using the right tools and techniques. Expect to bathe a long coat at least every two weeks, and brush at least once between baths. Thorough rinsing is essential, as shampoo residue irritates the skin. Conditioners and finishing sprays make grooming easier. Freshly bathed long or clipped hair should be thoroughly dried and brushed, as damp hair, even when clean, will mat.

Professionally groom every 3-4 weeks, with special attention to shedding, ear care, oral care, sanitary care, nail and Dremel, eye cleaning, and foot pads

Löwchen



- Temperament: [Affectionate, Outgoing, Positive](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 171 of 194
- Height: 12-14 inches
- Weight: 15 pounds
- Life Expectancy: 13-15 years
- Group: [Non-Sporting Group](#)

GROOMING

The Löwchen's grooming requirements are surprisingly few—a good brushing every few days, followed by a nice bath every couple of weeks will keep him looking and feeling his best. Nails should be trimmed and ears cleaned regularly as well. The Löwchen can visit a professional groomer every 6-8 weeks to keep the hair trimmed either into a “puppy cut” or the traditional “lion” trim.

Professionally groom every 6-8 weeks, with special attention to shedding, ear care, oral care, sanitary care, nail and Dremel, eye cleaning, and foot pads

Maltese



- Temperament: [Gentle, Playful, Charming](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 33 of 194
- Height: 7-9 inches
- Weight: under 7 pounds
- Life Expectancy: 12-15 years
- Group: [Toy Group](#)

GROOMING

The long, white coat of the Maltese is eye-catching and glorious. It requires daily gentle brushing and combing to the skin to prevent mats and tangles. Maltese should also have regular baths and coat conditioning to keep their hair looking its best. They have fast-growing nails that should be trimmed regularly. Check their ears weekly, and remove any excess hair or wax and any accumulated debris. Because Maltese are prone to dental disease as they get older, their teeth should be brushed frequently—ideally each time their coat is brushed. If the dog has excessive tear-staining around the eyes, a visit to the veterinarian to determine a possible cause is recommended.

Professionally groom every 4-6 weeks, with special attention to shedding, ear care, oral care, sanitary care, nail and Dremel, eye cleaning, and foot pads.

Mastiff



- Temperament: [Courageous, Dignified, Good-Natured](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 28 of 194
- Height: 30 inches & up (male), 27.5 inches & up (female)
- Weight: 160-230 pounds (male), 120-170 pounds (female)
- Life Expectancy: 6-10 years
- Group: [Working Group](#)

GROOMING

The Mastiff's short, dense coat is easy to [groom](#), usually requiring only a quick brushing every few days. During periods of heavy [shedding](#) once or twice a year, more frequent sessions with a strong, toothed comb are recommended to remove dead hair. The [ears](#) and the deep wrinkles around the Mastiff's head, eyes, and muzzle should be regularly inspected and cleaned, and the [nails](#) trimmed short. Finally, Mastiffs drool! Most owners keep cloths at hand to wipe "slingers" off their Mastiff's face and their own and visitors' clothing.

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

Miniature Schnauzer



- Temperament: [Friendly, Smart, Obedient](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 17 of 194
- Height: 12-14 inches
- Weight: 11-20 pounds
- Life Expectancy: 12-15 years
- Group: [Terrier Group](#)

GROOMING

The Miniature Schnauzer has a double coat—a wiry topcoat, with a soft undercoat—that requires frequent brushing, combing, and [grooming](#) to look its best. The breed sheds very little. For the show ring, some of the dog's coat is regularly “stripped” by hand. Most owners of pet Miniature Schnauzers choose to have the coat trimmed with clippers by a professional groomer. This should be done every four to six weeks for the dog to look his best. The Miniature Schnauzer should get a [bath](#) once a month or so, depending on his surroundings. [Nails](#) should be trimmed monthly and [ears](#) checked weekly for debris or excess wax, and cleaned as needed.

Professionally groom every 4-6 weeks, with special attention to shedding, ear care, oral care, sanitary care, nail and Dremel, eye cleaning, and foot pads.

Newfoundland



- Temperament: [Sweet, Patient, Devoted](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 35 of 194
- Height: 28 inches (average male), 26 inches (average female)
- Weight: 130-150 pounds (male), 100-120 pounds (female)
- Life Expectancy: 9-10 years
- Group: [Working Group](#)

GROOMING

The Newfoundland's heavy coat requires thorough [brushing](#) at least once a week. A thorough going-over with a slicker brush and a long-toothed comb will remove dead hair and prevent mats from forming. These will become daily sessions during shedding season, which generally occurs twice a year; however, spayed and neutered Newfs shed year-round and will probably need to be brushed out several times a week. As with all breeds, the [nails](#) should be trimmed regularly, as overly long nails can cause discomfort and structural problems.

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