

Norfolk Terrier



- Temperament: [Fearless, Alert, Fun-Loving](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 134 of 194
- Height: 9-10 inches
- Weight: 11-12 pounds
- Life Expectancy: 12-16 years
- Group: [Terrier Group](#)

GROOMING

A Norfolk Terrier should have a double coat consisting of a hard outer coat and a soft undercoat that insulates the body from heat and cold. Hand-stripping removes old outer hairs and excess undercoat so that new hair can grow in. Wire coats that are cared for properly by hand-stripping have a beautiful shine and rich color. Finding a groomer who will hand-strip, is an important consideration in choosing this breed.

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

Old English Sheepdog



- Temperament: [Adaptable, Gentle, Smart](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 75 of 194
- Height: 22 inches & up (male), 21 inches & up (female)
- Weight: 60-100 pounds
- Life Expectancy: 10-12 years
- Group: [Herding Group](#)

GROOMING

The coat is what attracts most people to the Old English Sheepdog. The breed is double-coated and requires a thorough [grooming](#) down to the skin, over the entire dog, at least weekly to maintain their full coats. “Puppy trims” are good options for pet dogs, but they also require regular brushing between baths and haircuts. Keeping the feet clipped (“Poodle feet”) will minimize problems and cleanup. Potential owners need to be prepared to pay a professional groomer, for several sessions each month for the life of the dog. As with all breeds, the [nails](#) should be trimmed regularly.

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

Papillon



- Temperament: [Friendly, Alert, Happy](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 53 of 194
- Height: 8-11 inches
- Weight: 5-10 pounds
- Life Expectancy: 14-16 years
- Group: [Toy Group](#)

GROOMING

For a breed with long, silky hair, Papillons needs surprisingly little grooming, mostly because they do not have an undercoat. Grooming every month or so is fine. Between full grooming sessions, you might want to spend a few minutes running a comb or soft slicker brush through the hair inside the hind legs, behind the ears, and on the “culottes,” or thigh hair, as mats tend to form there. A Papillon will need a bath every few months, or when he or she gets especially muddy or dirty. The Papillon’s nails grow quickly and should be trimmed regularly—especially the dewclaw, which can curl around and pierce the leg. Finally, regular tooth brushing is vital for dental health.

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.

Parson Russell Terrier



- Temperament: [Friendly, Clever, Athletic](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 109 of 194
- Height: 14 inches (male), 13 inches (female)
- Weight: 13-17 pounds
- Life Expectancy: 13-15 years
- Group: [Terrier Group](#)

GROOMING

The Parson Russell Terrier has two coat types: smooth and broken (rough). Both require regular brushing—the smooth with a thick brush or hound glove, and the rough with a pin or slicker brush. Rough coats will require plucking or clipping to avoid matting of the longer hairs. A monthly bath should be sufficient, unless the Parson follows his nature and ends up digging in the mud. The Parson's [nails](#) should be trimmed monthly and his [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.

Pekingese



- Temperament: [Affectionate, Loyal, Regal in Manner](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 93 of 194
- Height: 6-9 inches
- Weight: up to 14 pounds
- Life Expectancy: 12-14 years
- Group: [Toy Group](#)

GROOMING

The thick double coat of the Pekingese requires a good bit of maintenance. Pekingese [shed](#) seasonally. [Brushing](#) him at least one hour per week will help to remove loose hairs and prevent matting, and an monthly bath and groom will help to keep him looking his best. Mats or tangles can be gently 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 discomfort.

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.

Pembroke Welsh Corgi



- Temperament: [Affectionate, Smart, Alert](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 18 of 194
- Height: 10-12 inches
- Weight: up to 30 pounds (male), up to 28 pounds (female)
- Life Expectancy: 12-13 years
- Group: [Herding Group](#)

GROOMING

The Pembroke has a thick, weatherproof double coat—a soft, light undercoat covered by a coarse outer coat. The [breed sheds](#) a fair amount on a daily basis, and even more so in the late spring/early summer. A daily once-over with a comb and a slicker brush will remove a lot of the shed hair before it is all over the house. During shedding season, baths help to loosen the dead hairs—the dog must be completely dry before brushing begins—and a rake helps strip out the undercoat. As with all breeds, the Corgi's [nails](#) should be trimmed regularly, and [ears](#) checked to be sure they are clean and healthy.

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

Pomeranian



- Temperament: [Inquisitive, Bold, Lively](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 22 of 194
- Height: 6-7 inches
- Weight: 3-7 pounds
- Life Expectancy: 12-16 years
- Group: [Toy Group](#)

GROOMING

The Pomeranian's profuse double coat is one of his most distinguishing features. Frequent [brushing](#) is necessary to maintain the beautiful coat that we admire. Brush through the dog with a pin brush and a slicker brush down to the skin once a week to keep the hair from matting. Pomeranians are active dogs, so it is important that their [nails](#) are kept short. It is highly recommended that you find a groomer to do a full groom—including bath, brushing, ears, nails, and anal glands. You should also pay close attention to the Pom's [teeth](#). It is a good idea to brush the teeth during their weekly grooming session.

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.

Poodle (Miniature / Standard)



- Temperament: [Active, Proud, Very Smart](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 7 of 194
- Height: 10-15 inches (miniature), over 15 inches (standard)
- Weight: 10-15 pounds (miniature), 60-70 pounds (male standard), 40-50 pounds (female standard)
- Life Expectancy: 10-18 years
- Group: [Non-Sporting Group](#)

GROOMING

Unless you plan to keep your Poodle clipped in a short trim, you will need to learn [how to brush](#) him daily to keep his coat from matting. If you do not brush and comb a full-coated Poodle completely to the skin, the hair will mat near the roots and will have to be shaved off to start all over with new growth. Most pet owners opt to keep the Poodle in a shorter trim. Most poodle owners take their dog to a professional dog groomer every four to six weeks for a [bath](#), grooming, and [nail trim](#). The breed's relatively non-shedding coat makes it a good choice for people [with allergies](#).

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.

Rat Terrier



- Temperament: [Friendly, Inquisitive, Lovable](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 96 of 194
- Height: 10-13 inches (miniature), 13-18 inches (standard)
- Weight: 10-25 pounds
- Life Expectancy: 12-18 years
- Group: [Terrier Group](#)

GROOMING

The Rat Terrier's short, dense coat requires very little care to remain in good condition. A weekly once-over with a soft brush or hound glove will keep his coat healthy and glossy. A bath every month or so will likely be enough, depending on the dog's lifestyle. Rat Terriers shed seasonally, during which time a shedding tool or rubber curry brush will help remove loose hair. The nails should be trimmed at least monthly, keeping them short and neat, as overly long nails can be painful to the dog. Check his ears weekly, and remove any excess wax and debris, which can cause ear infections. Teeth should be brushed daily if possible, using a toothpaste formulated for dogs.

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

Rottweiler



- Temperament: [Loyal, Loving, Confident Guardian](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 8 of 194
- Height: 24-27 inches (male), 22-25 inches (female)
- Weight: 95-135 pounds (male), 80-100 pounds (female)
- Life Expectancy: 9-10 years
- Group: [Working Group](#)

GROOMING

The Rottweiler has a straight, coarse, medium-length outer coat that lies flat. The undercoat is present on the neck and thighs. He should be brushed weekly and bathed regularly. He sheds only very moderately for most of the year, although he will shed more profusely twice a year, usually in the spring and fall. His [teeth](#) should be brushed and nails trimmed weekly. The use of a grinding tool such as a Dremel is especially effective in trimming the nails.

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.