

Russell Terrier



- Temperament: [Alert, Inquisitive, Lively](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 90 of 194
- Height: 10-12 inches
- Weight: 9-15 pounds
- Life Expectancy: 12-14 years
- Group: [Terrier Group](#)

GROOMING

The Russell Terrier's rough and ready appearance is easily maintained. Coats come in three types: smooth, broken, and rough. The dense, short, smooth coat can be kept looking great with an all-over rubdown with a soft brush or a hound glove once a week. The rough and broken coats will require going over with a brush or a dog comb weekly but are kept mostly natural, with minimal grooming. The Russell's [nails](#) should be trimmed monthly, and his [ears](#) checked weekly for debris or excess wax and cleaned as needed.

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.

Saint Bernard



- Temperament: [Playful, Charming, Inquisitive](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 49 of 194
- Height: 28-30 inches (males), 26-28 inches (female)
- Weight: 140-180 pounds (male), 120-140 pounds (female)
- Life Expectancy: 8-10 years
- Group: [Working Group](#)

GROOMING

Saint Bernards come in long-haired and short-haired varieties, but both types of coats require the same care. Weekly [brushing](#) 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. During [shedding season](#), which occurs twice a year, brushing will become a daily activity. Regular baths and grooming will keep the Saint looking and smelling fresh. 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 6-8 weeks, with special attention coat and bi-annual DeFURminating if heavily shedding, ear care, oral care, sanitary care, nail and Dremel, eye cleaning, and foot pads

Samoyed



- Temperament: [Adaptable, Friendly, Gentle](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 65 of 194
- Height: 21-23.5 inches (male), 19-21 inches (female)
- Weight: 45-65 pounds (male), 35-50 pounds (female)
- Life Expectancy: 12-14 years
- Group: [Working Group](#)

GROOMING

The Samoyed has a profuse double coat, with a longer outer coat of harsh hair and a soft, thick, wooly undercoat. Samoyeds [shed](#) quite a bit all the time, even more so during shedding season, which can occur once or twice a year. Daily brushing will help to remove dirt and loose hairs and keep the dog looking his best. Mats or tangles can be worked out with a slicker brush or metal comb. The [nails](#) should be trimmed every three to four weeks or as needed.

Professionally groom every 5-6 weeks, with special attention coat and bi-annual DeFURminating if heavily shedding, ear care, oral care, sanitary care, nail and Dremel, eye cleaning, and foot pads

Schipperke



- Temperament: [Confident, Alert, Curious](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 112 of 194
- Height: 11-13 inches (male), 10-12 inches (female)
- Weight: 10-16 pounds
- Life Expectancy: 12-14 years
- Group: [Non-Sporting Group](#)

GROOMING

The Schipperke's coat needs only weekly brushing, though they do go through a shedding season once or twice a year. During these periods, more frequent brushing will help to keep the amount of shed hair under control. As with all breeds, the [nails](#) should be trimmed regularly, as overly long nails can cause the dog discomfort.

Professionally groom every 5-6 weeks, with special attention coat and bi-annual DeFURminating if heavily shedding, ear care, oral care, sanitary care, nail and Dremel, eye cleaning, and foot pads

Scottish Deerhound



- Temperament: [Gentle, Dignified, Polite](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 154 of 194
- Height: 30-32 inches (male), 28 inches & up (female)
- Weight: 85-110 pounds (male), 75-95 pounds (female)
- Life Expectancy: 8-11 years
- Group: [Hound Group](#)

GROOMING

The Scottish Deerhound's harsh, somewhat wiry coat is very easy to care for, requiring only an all-over brushing and combing every week or so. He will also need a trim of his nails every few weeks if they aren't worn down naturally. Grooming tools to have on hand include a slicker brush, a fine-toothed metal dog comb, and an electric nail grinder or a pair of heavy-duty dog nail clippers. A occasional bath will help to reduce any doggy odor. Grooming sessions are a good time to inspect 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 3-4 weeks, with special attention to shedding, ear care, oral care, sanitary care, skin conditioning, nail and Dremel, eye cleaning, and foot pads.

Scottish Terrier



- Temperament: [Confident, Independent, Spirited](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 58 of 194
- Height: 10 inches
- Weight: 19-22 pounds (male), 18-21 pounds (female)
- Life Expectancy: 12 years
- Group: [Terrier Group](#)

GROOMING

Scottish Terriers require regularly scheduled [grooming](#). They are a dual-coated breed, with a harsh, wiry outer layer and dense, soft undercoat. Ideally, they are hand stripped. This should be started when they are young puppies so they get used to the process. Once a month would be best once the coat is started, but they can be worked on weekly. With clipping you will eventually lose the correct harsh texture, as the undercoat will take over once the cutting process is begun. Clipped coats can be maintained on a six week schedule. A weekly brushing and comb-out will keep the Scottie's coat tangle free and the skin healthy. Periodic baths with the grooming is acceptable with a good-quality moisturizing shampoo.

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

Sealyham Terrier



- Temperament: [Alert, Outgoing, Sense Of Humor](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 155 of 194
- Height: 10.5 inches
- Weight: 23-24 pounds (male), slightly less (females)
- Life Expectancy: 12-14 years
- Group: [Terrier Group](#)

GROOMING

The breed's weather-resistant, double "jacket" and profuse leg and body furnishings must be combed and brushed every two or three days, as Sealy coats tend to mat easily. The coat does not shed but must be hand-stripped or clipped on a regular basis. Pet Sealyhams can be kept trimmed short with minimal furnishings, which makes their care easier. Bathing every three to four weeks is a good idea. For Sealyhams in show coat, washing at least the furnishings frequently is a must. The nails should be trimmed regularly, and the eyes and ears should be checked during grooming sessions.

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

Shetland Sheepdog



- Temperament: [Playful, Energetic, Bright](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 24 of 194
- Height: 13-16 inches
- Weight: 15-25 pounds
- Life Expectancy: 12-14 years
- Group: [Herding Group](#)

GROOMING

The Sheltie has a profuse double coat that sheds considerably. The outer coat consists of long, straight, harsh hair, while the undercoat is short, furry, and very dense. Owners must be prepared to brush the coat weekly, and more often during shedding season, to help in removing at least some of the loose hair before it drifts all over the house. Be sure to check for mats behind the ears, under the elbow on each front leg, and in the “pants” under the tail. Shaving the dog is not recommended, because the coat protects against sunburn and heat as well as cold. The nails should be trimmed regularly.

Professionally groom every 6-8 weeks, with special attention to shedding, ear care, oral care, sanitary care, skin conditioning, nail and Dremel, eye cleaning, and foot pads. DeFURminate twice a year during heavy shedding season.

Shiba Inu



- Temperament: [Alert, Active, Attentive](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 44 of 194
- Height: 14.5-16.5 inches (male), 13.5-15.5 inches (female)
- Weight: 23 pounds (male), 17 pounds (female)
- Life Expectancy: 13-16 years
- Group: [Non-Sporting Group](#)

GROOMING

Shibas [shed](#) — a lot. It has been said that they shed twice a year, but some owners quip that it lasts for six months at a time. Unless a Shiba is a “long coat,” the coat does not mat, so infrequent brushing doesn’t hurt the dog, but brushing or combing during periods of heavy shedding will reduce the amount of hair around the house. Shibas often object to nail trimming. Start a puppy early, but if it becomes a major struggle, let a professional do it—you will need the help of a professional to handle the hair volume and it will make your life much easier, as well.

Professionally groom every 6-8 weeks, with special attention to shedding, ear care, oral care, sanitary care, skin conditioning, nail and Dremel, eye cleaning, and foot pads. DeFURminate twice a year during heavy shedding season.

Shih Tzu



- Temperament: [Affectionate, Playful, Outgoing](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 20 of 194
- Height: 9-10.5 inches
- Weight: 9-16 pounds
- Life Expectancy: 10-18 years
- Group: [Toy Group](#)

GROOMING

A Shih Tzu with a long coat requires daily brushing. Use a good-quality wire brush with flexible pins, and layer the hair to be sure you reach to the skin. A [bath](#) about every three or four weeks will help to keep the coat clean and at its best. Remember to comb the mustache and topknot daily, and gently clean the corner of the [eyes](#) with a damp cloth. To protect the Shih Tzu's eyes from being irritated, the hair on the top of the head should be trimmed short or tied up into a topknot. If you don't want to have to spend time on your dog's coat, the Shih Tzu can look adorable when clipped into a "puppy trim" by a professional groomer. Trimming [nails](#) and cleaning ears should be part of the Shih Tzu's grooming routine.

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