

Siberian Husky



- Temperament: [Loyal, Outgoing, Mischievous](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 12 of 194
- Height: 21-23.5 inches (male), 20-22 inches (female)
- Weight: 45-60 pounds (male), 35-50 pounds (female)
- Life Expectancy: 12-14 years
- Group: [Working Group](#)

GROOMING

Siberian Huskies are considered a “natural” breed. Weekly brushings help keep the coat and skin in good condition. Siberians have a double coat—an undercoat, and guard hair. The undercoat is shed twice a year, and it is important to continually “rake out” the old coat, using a pin brush and metal comb. Pay close attention to the length of the [nails](#), and keep them trimmed to prevent any foot problems. Siberians competing in conformation require a bit more selective grooming for the best presentation.

Professionally groom every 8-12 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.

Silky Terrier



- Temperament: [Friendly, Quick, Keenly Alert](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 100 of 194
- Height: 9-10 inches
- Weight: around 10 pounds
- Life Expectancy: 13-15 years
- Group: [Toy Group](#)

GROOMING

The Silky Terrier's coat should be brushed at least twice a week with a pin brush or soft bristle brush. A long-toothed metal dog comb can also come in handy for gently working through areas where tangles may be beginning to form. Left unattended, tangles and mats are uncomfortable for your dog and can cause skin problems to develop. The [nails](#) should be trimmed once a month, and a [bath](#) every four to six weeks 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 3-4 weeks, with special attention to shedding, ear care, oral care, sanitary care, skin conditioning, nail and Dremel, eye cleaning, and foot pads.

Skye Terrier



- Temperament: [Courageous, Good-Tempered, Canny](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 178 of 194
- Height: 10 inches (male), 9.5 inches (female)
- Weight: 35-45 pounds (male), slightly lighter (female)
- Life Expectancy: 12-14 years
- Group: [Terrier Group](#)

GROOMING

The Skye's long, luxurious double coat appears more challenging to maintain than it actually is. It does require weekly brushing and combing with a soft or pin brush and a long-toothed comb to keep it free of tangles and the coat should be kept in a natural condition. Nails should be kept trimmed short; usually a trim every couple of weeks to a month is sufficient. Ears should be checked at least weekly and cleaned of any excess wax or debris to avoid ear infections. Baths can be given as needed—usually once a month. Highly recommended that a professional stylist bath and style as when wet the coat mats easily.

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

Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier



- Temperament: [Friendly, Happy, Deeply Devoted](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 50 of 194
- Height: 18-19 inches (male), 17-18 inches (female)
- Weight: 35-40 pounds (male), 30-35 pounds (female)
- Life Expectancy: 10-12 years
- Group: [Terrier Group](#)

GROOMING

The Wheaten's soft, silky coat requires a fair amount of maintenance. The daily [grooming session](#) starts with a thorough going-over with a pin brush or a slicker brush to remove dirt and loose hair. Next comes a thorough combing with a medium- and fine-toothed metal comb. Any mats that are found should be pulled apart with the brush, comb, and fingers—never with scissors. 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 3-4 weeks, with special attention to shedding, ear care, oral care, sanitary care, skin conditioning, nail and Dremel, eye cleaning, and foot pads.

Spanish Mastiff



- Temperament: [Affectionate](#), [Intelligent](#), [Kind](#)
- Height: Minimum 28-35 inches
- Weight: 140-200 pounds
- Life Expectancy: 10-12 years

GROOMING

Beyond regular weekly grooming, the occasional bath will keep your Spanish Mastiff clean and looking his best. The strong, fast-growing nails should be trimmed regularly with a nail clipper or grinder to avoid overgrowth, splitting, and cracking. Their ears should be checked regularly to avoid a buildup of wax and debris, which can result in infection. Teeth should be brushed regularly.

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

Standard Schnauzer



- Temperament: [Fearless, Smart, Spirited](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 85 of 194
- Height: 18.5-19.5 inches (male), 17.5-18.5 inches (female)
- Weight: 35-50 pounds (male), 30-45 pounds (female)
- Life Expectancy: 13-16 years
- Group: [Working Group](#)

GROOMING

Standard Schnauzers require regular grooming. Washing beards and leg furnishings, dental care, keeping foreign materials from between foot pads, and nail trims are weekly tasks. SS have a double coat; if the harsh, wiry outer coat is clipped instead of hand-stripped, it loses its dirt-, bramble-, and water resistance, which results in more dirt and shedding of hair in the house. Clipping the coat also makes the coat soft, and each clipping lightens the coat color. Once a coat has been hand-stripped, it can be maintained over a long period of time simply by regular brushing and plucking out long hairs.

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

Tibetan Spaniel



- Temperament: [Playful, Bright, Self-Confident](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 118 of 194
- Height: 10 inches
- Weight: 9-15 pounds
- Life Expectancy: 12-15 years
- Group: [Non-Sporting Group](#)

GROOMING

The area behind the ears tends to mat and should be combed frequently, but otherwise the breed's coat does not tend to mat. A regular brushing and bath will keep the coat in good condition, with attention also given to the rear fringes, which can use a regular combing. Tibetan Spaniels do [shed](#), and can do a good shed any time of the year. A bath and conditioning can help at this time. Nails should be trimmed as puppies, training the Tibbie to get used to regular nail trimming. They can be very bad about their nails unless worked with early.

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

Tibetan Mastiff



- Temperament: [Independent, Reserved, Intelligent](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 135 of 194
- Height: minimum 26 inches (male), minimum 24 inches (female)
- Weight: 90-150 pounds (male), 70-120 pounds (female)
- Life Expectancy: 10-12 years
- Group: [Working Group](#)

GROOMING

Tibetan Mastiffs are double coated, with a heavy, wooly undercoat and coarse guard hair. They have a low-maintenance coat that requires minimal [grooming](#) during the majority of the year. A weekly brushing with a slicker or a long pin brush to remove surface dirt and the use of a wide-tooth comb on the tail, mane, and breeches to remove tangles are all that is required. TMs “blow” their undercoat once a year in a massive [shedding](#) in late spring or summer. During this time, it is best to use an undercoat rake or even more effective, a DeFurminator treatment.

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

Weimaraner



- Temperament: [Friendly, Fearless, Obedient](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 34 of 194
- Height: 25-27 inches (male), 23-25 inches (female)
- Weight: 70-90 pounds (male), 55-75 pounds (female)
- Life Expectancy: 10-13 years
- Group: [Sporting Group](#)

GROOMING

The biggest job in grooming the Weimaraner is keeping the [nails](#) short. This is important for the comfort and health of your dog and cannot be overemphasized. When nail length gets out of hand, it's difficult to get it back to a proper length. (If you can hear a tap-tap-tap when they cross a hardwood floor, the nails are too long.) The short coat should be brushed to remove "dead hair." Don't forget to clean the ears since having an ear structure that impedes air-flow makes for the potential of infected ears. These are bath and hygiene dogs for your professional groomer.

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

Welsh Terrier



- Temperament: [Friendly, Spirited, Intelligent](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 111 of 194
- Height: 15 inches (male), proportionally smaller (female)
- Weight: 20 pounds, proportionally smaller (female)
- Life Expectancy: 12-15 years
- Group: [Terrier Group](#)

GROOMING

Care of the Welsh Terrier's coat is similar to that for other broken-coated terriers. The hair can be plucked by hand, commonly referred to as hand-stripping. This type of grooming is a continual process and an art that takes years to master. Pet grooming for a Welsh Terrier is not complicated. The dog should be clipped every 6-8 weeks, leaving the coat longer in cold weather. The [nails](#) should be trimmed at least weekly, and the dog brushed once or twice a week. Usually bathing between clippings is not necessary, but if it is, use a good shampoo that contains moisturizers.

Professionally groom every 6-8 weeks, with special attention to ear care, oral care, sanitary care, skin conditioning, nails and Dremel, eye cleaning, and foot pads.

West Highland White Terrier



- Temperament: [Loyal, Happy, Entertaining](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 41 of 194
- Height: 11 inches (male). 10 inches, female
- Weight: 15-20 pounds
- Life Expectancy: 13-15 years
- Group: [Terrier Group](#)

GROOMING

To keep the Westie looking his best, regular grooming is a must. Stripping (or plucking) the old, dead hair is the traditional way of taking care of the terrier coat, and it is the grooming method that must be used if you're interested in showing your dog. Pet owners often have their dogs' coats clipped for neatness. Most people find a professional groomer who will help keep that beautiful Westie look. Usually a visit to the groomer every 4 to 6 weeks will work just fine. Daily brushing and combing are important. Because the Westie has a hard coat, bathing too often can do more harm than good.

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

Wire Fox Terrier



- Temperament: [Confident, Alert, Gregarious](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 101 of 194
- Height: 15½ inches
- Weight: 18 pounds (male), 15-17 (female)
- Life Expectancy: 12-15 years
- Group: [Terrier Group](#)

GROOMING

Grooming a Wire Fox Terrier can require a vast difference of time and effort according to what you plan to do with your dog. If you will be showing him in conformation events, you will need to learn to hand-strip his coat or pay someone else regularly to do it for you. Pets, however, can be clipped into a trim similar to a show trim with much less effort. All Wire Foxes will require regular brushing to avoid matting, no matter how they are groomed. Nails should be trimmed monthly. Ears should be checked weekly, and any excess wax and debris should be removed to avoid ear infections.

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

Yorkshire Terrier



- Temperament: [Affectionate](#), [Sprightly](#), [Tomboyish](#)
- AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 9 of 194
- Height: 7-8 inches
- Weight: 7 pounds
- Life Expectancy: 11-15 years
- Group: [Toy Group](#)

GROOMING

The Yorkshire Terrier's coat is very similar to human hair and should be treated accordingly. If the coat is kept long, it needs to be brushed daily. To avoid eye irritation, the hair on the upper part of the head should be trimmed short or pulled up into a topknot. The Yorkie will need a [bath](#) every week or so. Check the ears weekly for any debris or signs of [infection](#).

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