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*DIY
Styling
Guide*

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SET UP: Prepare Bathing Station

Make sure to gather together all grooming tools before starting to bathe your furry friend.

Brush & Comb	Shampoo
Scissors	Conditioner
Nail Trimmer	Towels
Styptic Powder	XPOWER B-53 Dryer
Sponge	Shallow Pan

STEP 1 - Brushing & Combing

Fully brushing your pet before bathing is a must to loosen undercoat and remove mats/tangles.

- **Choosing a Brush Type:** A rubber brush is recommended for short/smooth coats. Long, thick coats will benefit from a slicker brush.
- **Brushing Technique:** Brush in straight strokes with the direction of the growth using the whole face of the brush to avoid irritating the skin.
- **Combing:** Use a medium/fine combo comb to detect tangles & mats. Use a combination of the brush and comb to straighten mats until comb flows freely through coat. You may need to use scissors to split larger set in mats.
- **Gentle Touch:** Minimize the discomfort of tugging and raking against skin by holding small hair sections close to the body. Use slicker brush or comb as appropriate.
- **Thick Undercoats:** After rough brushing & combing a coarse comb with 1.5" long tines may be used to remove undercoat after it has been loosened by the slicker brushing.

STEP 2 - Nail Grooming

The key to effective nail grooming is to have the correct tools. Plier style pet nail trimmers are a good choice for beginners. Guillotine trimmers are great for pets under 15 lbs. Human nail clippers are not suitable for pet use.

- **Inspect Tools:** Make sure your nail trimmer is sharp and in good working order.
- **Paw Positioning:** Before trimming you will need to securely grasp your pet's paw.

- **Conservative Clipping:** The safest technique is to trim away small stages of the nail and check for the quick as you go. A Kwik Stop Styptic Powder is good to have on hand. You will usually trim more on front paws than rear because the rear nails are naturally worn down.

STEP 3 - Bath Time

Gather all your bathing products including towels so that they are within arm's reach. Thorough shampoo rinsing is important to prevent skin irritation.

- **Water:** Holding the shower/hose nozzle directly against the skin will help quickly penetrate coat.
- **Shampoo:** Squeeze shampoo into a shallow pan and use a sponge to apply. Use your hands to lather your pet completely, paying special attention to paws, tail, under body, and between legs. Tearless, detergent free soaps are preferred.
- **Rinse:** Using warm water start at the head and face then move down the spine; holding nozzle closely to the skin. Move back and forth, using your hands to feel for shampoo. Additional rinsing will be needed if using cool water. Repeat shampoo process if your pet still does not look and smell clean.
- **Conditioning:** Use your hands to squeeze off excess water and then massage conditioner into coat and onto skin. Rinse if instructed.

STEP 4 - Drying

Drying your pet after bathing promotes good skin health in addition to creating a chic styled finish. Dual speed controls allow for maximum water removal on high speed and a lower speed for styling and timid pets.

- **Towel Dry:** After letting your furry friend give a good shake, drape a towel over them and gently squeeze in a blotting motion. Rubbing creates tangles. Dab dry with towel until water is no longer dripping.
- **Preparation:** Use your B-53 drying unit outdoors and away from standing water. Position yourself to hold the dryer nozzle in one hand and you may support your pet with the other if necessary.

- **Drying Short Coats:** Attach the flat air blade nozzle and move the unit in long strokes directly against the skin in the direction of growth. Work from the top rear of the dog downwards until water spray is no longer present.
- **Drying Long Double Coats:** Start drying with either the flat air blade nozzle or standard nozzle for maximum water removal. To prevent tangles, hold the nozzle about 2" away from coat; moving in short quick upward strokes. Start from the front and move towards the rear until fully dried.
- **Drying Curly Coats:** Conditioner sprays are very useful before using the B-53. Attach the flat air blade nozzle or standard nozzle and begin with a sweeping motion to separate hair. To complete drying, use short upward strokes to avoid clumping and tangling.
- **Neck, Head & Ears:** The flat air blade nozzle is preferred to dry neck, head and ears. Never point dryer directly at your pet's ears or eyes. Using the low speed, direct airflow forward from back of the head towards the muzzle. Hold down ears when passing over them.

STEP 5 - Styling

Now that your furry friend is mostly dried it is time for the finishing touches. Use the flat nozzle on low speed from rear to front against lay of the coat to dry stubborn damp hair. Use a brush or comb to smooth your pet's coat for final styling.

STEP 6 - Reward

Congratulations! Your invested time has saved you from paying costly groomer fees. Treat yourself and your precious pet to a yummy snack or a walk in the park to show off their new look. You've both earned it!