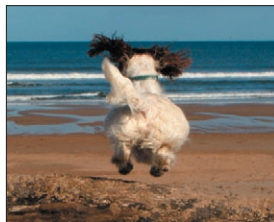




Beauty for the Beast!
keeping your Springer
Spaniel neat, tidy, and
comfortable.



Grooming your dog
regularly will not only to
keep his coat and skin
in peak condition, it will
also be a good way to
pick up any minor cuts
and scratches, lumps
and bumps. And most
Springers enjoy the
attention!



Grooming

You can groom your dog on the floor, or place him on a non-slip table or surface at worktop height to save bending. Secure him so he cannot jump off.

Using the proper tools is much easier, and if you buy things gradually the expense does not mount up all at once.

- Pin brush or slicker brush
- Metal spaniel comb
- Brush or Hound glove
- Guillotine type nail clippers
- Latex glove or rubber thimbles
- Straight edged scissor
- Serrated edge scissor (or thinning scissor)
- Clipper and blades
- Dematter/tooth scaler/toothbrush/toothpaste (you must use a toothpaste specially made for dogs, as human toothpaste can be harmful. Many vets will stock this.)

General Grooming

Use a pin or slicker brush and carefully go through all the coat to remove dead coat and small tangles. Cut out any matts with thinning scissors or dematter. Use metal spaniel comb (medium toothed) to comb through entire coat and feathering. Polish with brush or hound glove. Pay particular attention to his ears, clean inside and keep well trimmed to let in air.

Check his teeth, between his pads and all over for problems, lumps, grass seeds, ticks and fleas
Bath him only when he needs it, using a mild dog shampoo.
Rinse and dry him thoroughly – if very cold use a hairdryer.

Trimming – Just neat and tidy

- Feet: Cut nails carefully, avoiding the quick, with guillotine type nail clippers or use a metal file. Trim round the outside of the foot and level with the pads with straight edged scissors. Pull up the hair between the toes and trim upwards with thinning scissors until smooth. Trim front leg feathering back to the stopper pad and back legs from the hock joint to the ground until smooth, using either straight or thinning scissors.
- Ears: Pull ear back and secure against back of neck with your hand. Using a pair of thinning scissors in your other hand, trim under the ear so that the airway is clear of hair. Use the thinning scissors to reduce the thickness of the ear where it meets the dome of the head and neaten the bottom edge of the ear to the length desired.
- Neck: Reduce the thickness of feathering down the neck with your thinning scissors and blend into the body coat.
- Head and body: With rubber or latex glove, pull any dead or surplus hair from the top of the head and actual body until smooth (hand stripping).
- Feathering: Neaten the edges with thinning scissors to the length desired
- Teeth: Give him his own toothbrush and buy a doggie flavoured toothpaste. Brush regularly. If tartar builds up consult your vet.

Clipping – For the not so smooth character

If your dog has been neutered he can develop a thick, woolly coat which is much more difficult to keep tidy by hand stripping. Either visit a professional groomer or invest in an electric clipper which will save you a fortune over time.

Use 7F blade to clip, begin from the just behind the occipital bone (bone on top of head), clip down the dogs back to his tail, always clip in direction of growth, sweeping down side of dog. If you want to leave side feathering on, then clip to halfway down the ribcage, and blend in, you should not be able to see a clipper line. Neck and chest should be clipped clean unless again, you are leaving feathering, then you should clip down to his breast bone, and down to top of his front legs. Thin excess hair, hocks should be trimmed with thinning scissors as should feet, pulling hair up between toes and thinning off excess, head should be also be trimmed using thinning scissors, If you are not used to clippers, our advice is always to go to a professional groomer

Dogs love being clean and tidy and a good haircut takes years off them!

Always, when you groom your dog, make him feel special throughout and reward him if he is still and well behaved.

