

# Coat Maintenance



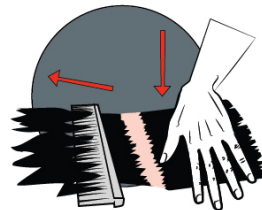
Caring for your pet's coat in between grooming appointments means using the right tools properly.

Ask us to show you how!

## recommended schedules

	0. smooth < 1/4"	1. short < 1"	2. medium 1-2"	3. long 2-3"	4. very long 3+"	
 continuously growing coats examples: - yorkies - poodles - bichons - shih tzus - schnauzers - cocker spaniels	line brushing	n/a	G as needed	G S D as needed	G P D S 1-2 times per week	G P D S daily
	check mat risk areas	n/a	G every other week	G weekly	G daily	G as needed
	professional grooming	4-12 weeks	4-12 weeks	4-8 weeks	2-6 weeks	1-4 weeks
 fixed length double coats examples: - cats - huskies - beagles - weasles - pomeranians - golden retrievers - german shepherds	line brushing	n/a	G as needed	G S D monthly	G P S D R every other week	G P S D R weekly
	surface de-shed	C as needed	C G as needed	n/a	n/a	n/a
	deep de-shed	n/a	n/a	G S as needed	S G D R as needed	S R D monthly
professional grooming	4-12 weeks	4-12 weeks	4-12 weeks	4-12 weeks	3-6 weeks	
coat length:	< 1/4" 5. smooth	< 1" 6. short	1-2" 7. medium	2-3" 8. long	3+ 9. very long	

- Common Mat risk Areas**
- Behind ears
  - Under collars, coats or harnesses
  - Long beards, ears, and tails
  - Groin and belly
  - Feathering on the back of legs
  - Between toes and pads of feet
  - Chest
  - Underarms



- Line Brushing Technique**
- Make a part in the hair.
  - Comb from root to tip.
  - If the comb snags, loosen tangles with a pin brush or slicker brush using a tap and release motion.
  - Repeat in small sections over entire coat.
  - Mist with water or diluted conditioning spray as needed to protect against coat damage.

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