

## Humanity before vanity

### Choosing the right length for your pet's coat



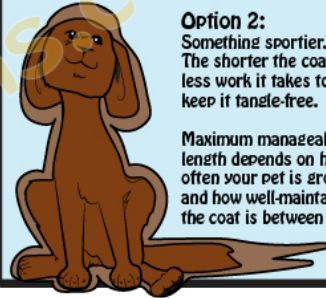
**Option 1:**  
Long hair, don't care.  
Longer styles need professional grooming every 2 - 4 weeks and line brushing at home at least once per week.

Exact maintenance requirements vary by coat texture, length, and lifestyle.



**Option 2:**  
Something sportier.  
The shorter the coat, the less work it takes to keep it tangle-free.

Maximum manageable length depends on how often your pet is groomed and how well-maintained the coat is between visits!



**Option 3:**  
Starting over.  
It's better to be shaved down than matted up.

Mats pull on the skin, causing bruising and restricting blood flow. They also trap moisture and dirt, allowing infection to flourish.

For tangled coats, the overall style and length we can leave depends on how tight the mats are and where they're located. The more tangled the pet, the less hair they'll keep.

Groomerisms.com