

IMPORTANCE OF GROOMING YOUR PET

Whether you have a cat or a dog grooming should be a part of your pet's daily routine. It is an essential duty of all pet owners to ensure proper and regular grooming of your pet. Grooming can include bathing, brushing, tooth brushing, ear cleaning, and nail trimming. Pet owners should research or ask a groomer what the proper tools and methods should be used on their particular pet. Some coats require little to no grooming and only need an occasional bath but some breeds that have long hair need to be brushed daily with a brush and comb to prevent mats. It has even been proven that grooming sessions can lower a human's blood pressure and make a person feel calmer.

Grooming should be started at an early age so that your pet learns that this is a happy time and be able to reap the benefits of a grooming session. This includes having your pet allow you to handling him all over and touching his very sensitive feet. Rewarding every touch with a yummy treat will create good associations with being handled. Teaching your pet to be handled also makes veterinary examinations easier and less stressful.



Regular grooming sessions:

Remove dirt, debris, loose fur, and stimulate the skin

Allows you to check your pet for any abnormality of the skin, body or coat

Gives your pet a healthy, shiny coat

Can be relaxing for your pet

Is a good way to bond

Prevent skin infections

Less visits to the vet for costly dental appointments (\$300-\$600/per cleaning)

