



## HOW TO BATHE YOUR HEALTHY DOG

Bathing helps keep your dog looking beautiful and smelling clean. Grooming your dog also can alert you to obvious skin problems such as lumps, bumps, and injuries before they become more serious.

Only use a shampoo formulated for your dog and recommended by your veterinarian. Also seek advice from your veterinarian about how often you should give your dog a bath.

1. Place a non-skid bath mat or wet towel on the floor of the tub or shower to provide your dog with solid footing.
2. Before the bath, gently and thoroughly brush your dog to remove tangled and matted hair.
3. Use lukewarm water to wet down your dog's fur from the neck down, avoiding the eyes and inside of the ears.
4. Put a small amount of shampoo on your hand and rub it over your dog's body. Starting on the back of the neck, massage the shampoo into the fur and skin to create a light foam. Repeat this procedure until the entire body has been covered with shampoo. Remember to clean under the neck and belly, and in between the foot pads.
5. Rinse with lukewarm water from the neck down until the water runs clear.
6. Gently towel-dry and brush your dog again to remove any tangles.



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smell good AND removes*

- *Dirt & Debris*
- *Allergens & Irritants*

We offer a variety of grooming products.  
Ask your veterinarian which products are best for your dog.

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## MEDICATED

Your dog may have some skin issues which require a veterinary-recommended medicated topical product such as shampoo, mousse or spray. For best results, only use the recommended product.

Typical protocols recommend a bath once a week and the use of an adjunct product (such as a mousse or spray) between weekly baths until the skin issues have resolved. Ask your veterinarian for specific instructions on the right treatment options for your dog's situation.

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3. Use cool water to wet down your dog's fur from the neck down, avoiding the eyes and inside of the ears.
4. Place a small amount of shampoo on your hands and gently massage it on the areas of your dog's body with skin abnormalities. Repeat this procedure on the rest of your dog's body until it has been covered with shampoo. If your dog is long-haired or has a dense hair coat, ensure that the shampoo reaches the skin.
5. To optimize the effectiveness of the shampoo, leave it on your dog for 10 minutes. Giving your dog a favorite toy to play with or small, tasty treats will help during this waiting period.
6. After 10 minutes, use cool water to rinse the healthy areas on your dog's body from the neck down. Finally, rinse the areas on your dog's body with the skin abnormalities. Rinse until the water runs clear.
7. Gently towel-dry and brush your dog again to remove any tangles.
8. Your veterinarian may recommend a mousse or spray product to use between baths to help with the healing process.

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- *Crusts & Scales*



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