**Grooming Steps**

* Brush dog, remove all mats or foreign material from dog’s coat.
* Clean mucous or matter from eyes.
* Clean ears with alcohol and cotton swab or ball.
* Brush/descale dog’s teeth
* Trim nails
* Wet dog. Shampoo, rinse twice. Apply coat conditioner if needed.
* Dry coat.
* Brush out coat, trim according to breed.
* Clip hair between toes and around the pad of the foot.

**Grooming Tips**

* Be patient and understanding with the dog. Train it to behave while being groomed. In the beginning, work for short periods of time until the dog is used to grooming.
* Many dogs gets mats behind their ears and on their buttocks. Brush these areas all the way to the skin.
* To remove hair deep into the coat, use a toothed rake and brush all the way to the skin.
* Be careful not to cut into the quick (red area) when trimming nails. If you trim your dog’s toenail and it bleeds, use cornstarch to stop the bleeding. Place a small amount of cornstarch on the bleeding nail and cover it with direct pressure for 5 minutes.