Your puppy’s first coat-care routine



A gentle start for puppies with poodle, oodle or other curly coats.

THE FIRST FIVE HABITS

- [ ] **Keep it short and gentle**

  Start on a non-slip mat. Touch a shoulder, offer a treat, then try one gentle brush stroke. Stop or take a break if your puppy pulls away.

- [ ] **Make a little brushing a daily habit**

  For curly coats, work gently in small sections. Ask your groomer which brush and comb suit your puppy. Add time only while your puppy is comfortable.

- [ ] **Check the spots that tangle first**

  Look behind the ears, under the collar or harness, in the armpits and along the backs of the legs. A comb should glide without tugging; never force it.

- [ ] **Practise being handled**

  Briefly touch a paw, an ear or the tail and reward calm moments. Let your puppy step away. Try again later if they’re not comfortable.

- [ ] **Plan the first groom early**

  Ask a groomer about a gentle first visit and their vaccination requirements. Tell them what your puppy is already comfortable with.

Found a tight mat?

Don’t cut it with scissors or pull it out. Ask your groomer for help. If the skin looks sore, broken or irritated, check with your vet.

HANDS-ON HELP

Learn with Sebtus Academy

Practical coaching for brushing, combing and building a coat-care routine at home.

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Coat-care reference: VCA Animal Hospitals