

Grooming your Dachshund



Use special dog shampoo to wash your dachshund. Because your Dachshund has short hair, you'll only need to bath him once every 3 months. Use a spray hose and wet all of your dog's fur, but do not wet the areas around her eyes, ears, and nose. Then massage the shampoo into your dog's fur. Rinse all of the shampoo out and then dry him off with a towel.

Offer your dachshund plenty of praise and a treat after baths to help him to associate bath time with good things.

Brush your dachshund.

You only need to brush him once a week. Make sure that you offer your dog lots of praise while you brush him and give him a treat when you are finished so that he associates brushing with good things.



Clip your dog's nails.

To clip your dachshund's nails, you will need a special nail clipper for dogs. You can purchase one in a pet store. You may also need to get your dachshund used to you handling his nails before you try to clip them. If your dachshund is wary of you touching his feet and

nails, help him get used to it by petting his feet and touching his toes. Give him praise and a treat when he lets you touch his toes. After he becomes comfortable with you touching his feet, you can try to clip his nails.

Make sure that you do not cut too far down or you may hit the quick of his nail. This area is very sensitive and may cause bleeding.

If you are concerned about hurting your dog while trimming his nails, ask your vet to show you how or have a professional groomer trim your dog's nails.



Inspect for problems.

Grooming time is a good time to check your dog for fleas, ticks, and other potential health problems. Make sure that you inspect your dog's skin for any unusual growths, wounds, or tender areas. You should also check your dog's ears for excessive wax buildup and foul odors. If you find anything that seems abnormal, schedule an appointment with your veterinarian as soon as possible.