

How does my dog benefit from being professionally groomed?

- The skin and coat of the dog will be washed with a suitably matched shampoo and/or conditioner, dried and groomed out to leave a clean tangle free, happy, lovely smelling dog
- Unpleasant odours trapped in the coat disappear making our dogs even more enjoyable to cuddle
- Removing dead coat; allows the skin to breathe and remain healthy, creates space for the new coat growth. In warm weather it keeps the dog cool and less likely to overheat
- Any knots or matts are removed especially from sensitive places as the armpit, groin and between the pads that can become sore. Keeping the hygiene areas clear keeps them clean and odour free
- The feet are cleared of hair and matts to help the dog lose heat in the hotter months and stop a build-up of salt or snow between pads in the winter months
- Ear cleaning and plucking helps keep ears clean and clear
- Cutting Nails to their correct length avoids possible posture changes and discomfort
- The dog learns to be left with, work with and trust the groomer building confidence
- Fleas can be identified and treated with a flea shampoo and ticks can be removed leaving the dog more comfortable
- Caring experienced professionals use kindness to build your dog's confidence to learn to enjoy

Every dog receives a complete visual health check before their groom

We do a visual health check before each groom, you can follow the chart to do it weekly at home; it's a great way to detect any changes in your dog or problems with your pets health early on.

Breathing	How does it sound? Normal, laboured, noisy coughing
Movement	How does the dog move?. Are there signs of restricted mobility /stiff joints /lameness. Can the dog stand on the table, what are the dogs abilities
Mood	Responsiveness /signs of anxiety/ lethargy etc
Skin	warm, thickened, rough, dry/crusty, pigmentation, redness, inflammation, discharges, lumps, foreign bodies, itchiness, greasiness, smell, hotspots or sores pink patches, redness or evidence of sunburn, cysts, warts. Record any changes
Eyes	redness, soreness, cloudiness, pain or discomfort, discharge/weeping, foreign bodies, pupil sizes, any squinting
Ears	redness, soreness, inflammation, pain or discomfort, hair in the ear canal, excess wax, foreign bodies, discharge or smell, discoloured hair at entrance of ear, swelling, head shaking, signs of scratching.
Mouth	Bad breath, plague on the teeth, broken teeth. bleeding, sore gums
Coat	coat type and condition, dullness, greasiness, smells, parasites, hair loss, thinning matting, scratching or chewing
Tail	lumps, bends/kinks restricted movement, sore, bald patches, smell, parasites
Hygiene areas	Such as armpits under tail and groin. Record any unusual odours or lumps,
Feet	Cuts and lesions cysts, self-mutilation, mites soreness or discomfort check toes and between toes weekly. There may be a grass seed stuck in there!
Nails	dull, rough, brittle uneven wear pain in examination
Parasites	Any unwanted visitors as mites ticks and fleas, worms or fungal parasites

We are not qualified to diagnose any condition but we will report back to you immediately anything we identify that has changed since your dogs last groom or in our opinion has a need of yours or veterinary attention

How do I benefit if my dog visits the groomer?

- The visual health can flag up a health issue early on
- Keeping your dog regularly groomed can prevent vet bills
- The dog will be groomed how you want it, when you want it
- A comfortable, knot free, groomed and styled coat
- A lovely smelling, clean, parasite free happy dog
- Your dogs nails will be kept at a good length
- Keeping ears clean and clear will prevent problems
- Advice on the best grooming technique and style for your dogs breed and coat if required
- Advice on how you can manage the coat at home the best type of brushes/tools for coat type and how to brush the coat
- We will recommend an ideal length of time between grooms
- You can be part of our Canine Class Facebook community and participate in our Special offers

Your dog's health

What is preventive healthcare for my dog?

Routine preventive healthcare really means vaccinations and treatments to control parasites (e.g. fleas and worms).

Vaccinations are given annually by your vet.




Parasites can be stopped from forming or treated by regular spot on treatments being put on the back of your dogs neck.

Many brands of spot on treatments can be bought in the pet shop but the most effective treatments which cover a range of parasites are prescription only so your vet will advise you. The prescription must be obtained from the vet even if the product is not bought there as the animal must be checked by the vet to ensure the treatment is suitable for your dog.

Worms

Dogs need to be protected from worms by regular deworming treatment. Again these can be bought from pet shops but the most effective are vet prescribed. Infestations of tapeworms, hookworms, whipworms and lungworms are all preventable with treatment. Your vet will be able to tell you which spot on flea treatments also cover some worms and when additional worming treatments are necessary.

If your preventative treatments are not kept up to date you may be visited by:

Fleas 	These feed on the dogs blood and multiply rapidly so are very difficult to get rid of and make you and the dog feel very itchy. A flea allergy in dogs is also common and needs immediate veterinary attention. The recommended method to treat Fleas is with a quality spot on formula on the back of the dogs neck. The dog, the dogs environment and all pets within it should be treated for at least 3 months to ensure the next generation don't reappear. By using the spot on treatment on a regular basis as instructed by the vet and manufacturer an infestation can be prevented.
Lice 	Most of the spot on preparations used to prevent fleas will also work with lice.
Ticks 	Not all spot on treatments will work to prevent ticks so additional treatments can be necessary.

Mites	Mites are also treated by spot on formulas and occasionally medical shampoos.
Demodex Mites	These mites require intense treatment often over weeks under veterinary supervision.