

# GROOMING & YOUR PUPPY

A puppy isn't in need of a groom until they are older, but the sooner they are booked into their first grooming appointment the easier and less stressful the first time will be.

At pooch beauty salon we provide puppy grooms for dogs after their 12 week vaccination.

The critical learning period is between 8-16 weeks of age where many experiences within that time frame become a learned habit. Therefore if your new pup is exposed to the gradual process of grooming early on and realizes that it is an enjoyable experience, they will be happy to be groomed.

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Quite often dogs that have their first grooming experience after 6 months of age can become very anxious and scared of the grooming process and in some cases can be very hard to manage. During your pup's critical learning period it is a great idea to expose them not only to the grooming process, but to as many different and positive situations as possible.

Once your puppy has learnt grooming is a part of their daily routine, it is important to continue with regular visits to your groomer. Booking an appointment every 4-8 weeks is ideal to ensure your dog's coat remains clean, matt free and manageable for you to continue your in between brushing routine at home.

## For your pup to have the best grooming experience possible be sure to:

- Check your dog's ears – good for ear cleaning and to check for any foreign objects like grass seeds etc.
- Brush your dog's coat thoroughly – allows the coat to stay know and tangle free.
- If your dog has a long coat gently hold the hair under the chin – this prepares them for trimming around the face.
- Touch and play with the paw pads – prepares them for nail clipping, paw pad trims and foot tidies.
- Let your dog get familiar with items being around their face and body – this prepares them for scissors and clippers being used around them.
- Turn on an electric toothbrush near them – the noise will prepare them for clippers being used on them.

