

Summer Coat Care Tips Every Pet Parent Should Know

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As temperatures rise, one of the most common questions groomers hear is, "Should I shave my dog for summer?" While it may seem like the easiest way to keep your pet cool, the answer is not always that simple.

Many breeds have coats that help regulate their body temperature and protect their skin from the sun. For some pets, a proper deshedding treatment and routine grooming schedule can be more beneficial than removing all of the coat. Every dog is different, which is why it's important to work with your professional groomer to determine the best option for your pet.

One of the biggest challenges pets face during the summer months is matting. Swimming, sprinklers, rain, and increased outdoor activities can quickly turn small tangles into large mats. When a coat becomes matted, air cannot circulate properly through the hair, making it more difficult for the pet to stay comfortable. Severe matting can also cause skin irritation and discomfort.

The good news is that preventing matting is often easier than fixing it. Regular brushing at home can make a tremendous difference in your dog's coat health. When brushing, make sure you're working all the way down to the skin rather than simply brushing the surface. Following up with a comb is one of the best ways to ensure tangles are truly removed.

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Medium Firm Slicker Brush

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As a professional groomer, one of the most important things I want pet parents to understand is that grooming is about more than appearance. A healthy coat helps support healthy skin, comfort, and overall well-being. Regular brushing, routine grooming appointments, and proper coat maintenance can help your pet stay happy and comfortable throughout the hottest months of the year.

If your pet enjoys swimming, always rinse and thoroughly dry the coat afterward whenever possible. Allowing a coat to remain damp for extended periods can lead to tangles, matting, and skin issues. Areas behind the ears, under collars, in the armpits, and around the tail are especially prone to matting and should be checked regularly.

When it comes to summer coat care, the goal isn't always the shortest haircut—it's the healthiest plan for your individual pet. Working together with your groomer can help ensure your pet stays comfortable, safe, and looking their best all season long.

Summer is also a great reminder that consistency matters. Waiting too long between grooming appointments often results in more difficult coat maintenance and less styling flexibility. Keeping your pet on a regular grooming schedule helps maintain coat health, improves comfort, and allows your groomer to address small issues before they become larger problems.



Small Nail Clipper



Stainless-Steel Comb



Dematting Tool

