

## GROOMING INFORMATION

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**BATHING:** The most IMPORTANT thing is to **BRUSH OUT YOUR SCOTTY** before you bathe him. Really comb out ALL the snarls. You should be able to comb through smoothly.

**COMBS AND BRUSHES:** Slicker brush, Greyhound comb, Pin brush

**SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER:** Use only dog shampoo as their PH is different than ours. Dog shampoo is designed for dogs. I like to use any tearless shampoo. You don't have to be so careful around the eyes. Any brand is fine. Try to go to a pet outlet store to buy products, or order from pet catalogs. I don't use conditioner. Some shampoo has it already in

**DRYING:** Towel dry as best as you can. Then use a hair dryer to finish. As you are blow drying brush downward to help straighten the coat. Blow dry on low as you don't want to burn the skin. You CAN BURN the skin on high. Just hold the dryer on your head on high sometime to find out just how HOT it will get!!!!

**TRIMMING HAIR:** Trim the hair around the rectum when it gets dirty. Be careful most don't like you fooling around back there. As far as trimming their eyebrows if you like them long...ask your groomer to leave them long, if not have them trim them short. That way they will be ok between groomings. BE VERY CAREFUL TRIMMING EYEBROWS!!!!!! One slip and they are GONE!!!!!! So tell your groomer how you prefer them. Use scissors on hair only!

**NAILS:** If you have your Scotty groomed every 4-5 weeks. You should not have to worry about cutting them. If not, you can ask your vet to cut them or to show you how. Most Vets cut nails for a small fee.

**TEETH CLEANING:** It is VERY IMPORTANT to keep your Scotties teeth clean and sometimes food alone cannot do this. You need to help out! It is not difficult to do. Look at their teeth...if you see any BROWN TARTAR at the top of the tooth, it needs to come off. Try using your fingernail to chip it off. If you can't then you need to see your Vet for a cleaning. Or try to do it yourself. You can ask your Dentist for some cleaning tools...just like they use on us. Be very careful and gentle with these as they are SHARP!!!! Very gently scrap the tartar off. CAREFUL NOT TO CUT THE GUMS!!!!!! Get yourself in a routine with brushing them once a week at least. Only use DOG TOOTHPASTE. It is developed for dogs. Buy keeping your Scotties teeth clean you are helping keep them healthy.

**EQUIPMENT:** Grooming Table , Grooming Arm , Grooming Noose, Clipper, # 10 & # 4 Blades, Greyhound Comb, Slicker Brush, Nail Clipper, Styptic Powder ( KWIK STOP) and Teeth Cleaning Tools, Dog Shampoo ( tearless) , Thinning Shear, Scissors

**SUPPLIES:** If you attend an all breed dog show you'll be able to get these items there. Another option would be to check a pet catalog or online. Some of my favorites include:

- CHERRYBROOK- [www.cherrybrook.com](http://www.cherrybrook.com)
- KV VET SUPPLY- [www.kvvet.com](http://www.kvvet.com)
- DOCTORS FOSTER & SMITH - [www.DrsFosterSmith.com](http://www.DrsFosterSmith.com)
- PETEDGE- [www.PetEdge.com](http://www.PetEdge.com)

