

Grooming Puppies!!

How to help your dog like grooming 🐾



Congratulations!

You have a new addition to the family! It's cute, happy and needs a hair cut...

At Full Pawtential we strive to make the grooming environment comfortable for our four legged clients. Unfortunately the grooming process can be stressful for some dogs. We encourage owner participation to assist their dog in becoming happy to walk through our doors! So what can you do?!

1st

APPOINTMENT

15 minute FREE hands on introduction to tools and equipment

2nd

APPOINTMENT

Bathing, drying, brushing, nail trim, ear cleaning, sanitary trim and foot pad trim

3rd

APPOINTMENT

FULL GROOM! Includes all services from second puppy appointment and a hair cut



REWARDS!

Reward and distract your dog with treats, toys and love



Keep it short!

Make training sessions quick and rewarding but frequent



CAUTION ⚠️

Grooming training is not the time to try something you are uncomfortable with

At home:

Start with petting your dog and telling him he's a good boy

The first step really is feeling your pet and praising them for allowing you to touch all parts of their body including feet, tail and inside the ears.

Brush your dog! This is one of the most important parts of at home grooming. We recommend starting with a pin brush and then upgrading to a slicker brush. Maintaining your dog's coat in between appointments will make them much happier to see the Groomer!

Pretend! Remember when you were a kid and you would make believe? Do that when training your dog for grooming. Use nail trimmers and pretend to clip their nails. Use an electric toothbrush or old beard trimmer and run it all over their body. Take a shiny spoon and run it all over their face to resemble scissors.

Lastly, you can try drying your dog when needed. We ask you not to chase or make a



game of using a hair dryer or vacuum. Just give them praise and treats!

At the Groomers:

We suggest you take your puppy on car rides to places other than just the veterinarian and Groomer. Ensure your dog has been exercised and had plenty of time to go to the bathroom.

Just relax. Dogs can sense when their owner is hesitant. Feel free to stop in at the salon for a treat any time to make you both feel better!

Don't linger too long or make the point of separation a big deal. Remember that the Groomer is using sharp scissors so do not show up early to pickup your dog. But do make your puppy feel special when they strut their fluff back to you ❤️

IMAGINE YOU ARE A PUPPY

Take a moment to close your eyes and imagine being a puppy. Your owner has taken you for a car ride and you arrive at the grooming salon. You may even be learning how to walk on a leash. You enter into the reception area and there are noises and smells that are overwhelming. Then a new person takes you away and starts doing strange things. Every part of your body is touched. You get brushed, combed, your ear hair is removed, your ears are cleaned and plugged with cotton so they don't get wet in the bath. After your nails are trimmed, you are bathed, dried, and your fur is cut all over including the fur in your foot pads, your private area and your entire head! The equipment is loud and it is all so new and weird. The people are nice but you wish your owner would have prepared you for this!

