

GROOMING A POMERANIAN

FIRST NEED TOOLS:

- 1.) BAG TO PUT GROOMING SUPPLIES IN
- 2.) DOG AIR FORCE HAIR DRYER
- 3.) TWO GROOMING TOWELS
- 4.) SOFT SLICKER BRUSH
- 5.) 46 TEETH THINNING SHEARS, 26 TEETH THINNING SHEARS, AND THE 8.5 IN THINNING SHEARS.
- 6.) BLUNT TIP BABY SCISSORS AND BARBER TYPE SCISSORS CAN USE INSTEAD OF THINNING SHEARS BUT YOU MIGHT GET SCISSOR LINES.
- 7.) METAL COMB MEDIUM AND A TEFLON COATED METAL COMB
- 8.) NAIL CLIPPER OR DOG GRINDER
- 9.) ELECTRIC TOOTH BRUSH OR REGULAR AND MEATY FLAVOR TOOTHPASTE
- 10.) BRISTLE & NYLON BRUSH
- 11.) MAT AND TANGLE SPLITTER
- 12.) SPRAY BOTTLE WITH A MIXTURE OF GOOD CONDITIONER AND WATER
- 13.) PROTEIN & ALOE VERA SHAMPOO OR A SPECIAL SHAMPOO

FIRST: BEGINNING AT THE EARS BRUSH ALL THE HAIR FORWARD AND TOWARDS THE NOSE WITH THE SLICKER BRUSH. AS YOU IDENTIFY MATS AND TANGLES INSERT THE TANGLE SPLITTER BETWEEN THE MAT AND SKIN AND PULL AWAY FROM THE DOG USING A SAW MOTION IF NECESSARY. REPEAT THIS SEVERAL TIMES UNTIL THE MAT IS THOROUGHLY BROKEN UP. USING THE METAL COMB (COMB OUT THE SMALL SECTIONS OF THE MAT.) COMMON AREAS OF MATTING ARE BEHIND THE EARS, UNDER THE FRONT LEGS & BEHIND THE HIND LEGS. THOROUGHLY BRUSH ALL THE COAT FORWARD IN SECTIONS BEGINNING AT FRONT AND WORKING TOWARD THE TAIL. (MAKING SURE THERE ARE NO MATS & TANGLES.

SECOND: THOROUGHLY WET THE DOG WITH WARM WATER MAKING SURE NOT TO GET WATER IN EYES OR NOSE. APPLY SHAMPOO & LATHER, THEN RINSE & REPEAT. WRAP THE DOG IN THE FIRST TOWEL AND RUB MOST OF THE WATER OUT OF IT'S COAT. USING SECOND TOWEL TO REMOVE MOST OF THE DAMPNESS FROM THE DOG'S COAT. CHECK THE EARS FOR OIL OR DIRT AND USING A Q-TIP MOISTENED WITH BABY OIL, SWEET OIL, OR AN EAR MITE MEDICATION, CLEAN THE OUTER PORTION AND INTO THE CREVICES OF THE EAR. (IF THERE WAS DARK OIL OR DIRT CLEAN THE EARS REAL GOOD AND ADD A FEW DROPS OF FRONTLINE IN EACH EAR.) WEEK LATER REPEAT THAN ONCE A MONTH, COULD BE EAR MITES OR A YEAST INFECTION. DOGS NORMAL DON'T GET EAR MITES.

THIRD: USING A PIN BRUSH & THE BLOW DRYER – FACING THE DOG AWAY FROM YOU START BEHIND THE EARS – AND BLOW THE HAIR DRY, ALWAYS BLOWING THE HAIR TOWARD THE FRONT OF THE DOG.

FOURTH: WITH THE BARBER SCISSORS AND USING YOUR THUMBNAIL TO PROTECT THE DOG'S EAR AT THE TOP OF THE DOG'S LEATHER CUT THE HAIR ACROSS THE TOP OF THE EAR IN A ROUNDED "TEDDY BEAR" FORM. NEXT TRIM THE HAIR AWAY FROM THE DOG'S ANUS -EVEN SHORTENING THE SURROUNDING HAIR QUITE A BIT TO HELP KEEP THEM CLEAN, BRUSH THE HAIR UPWARD WITH THE SLICKER BRUSH OR THE COMB ON THE LOWER PORTION OF THE BACK LEG UP TO THE KNEE, AND TRIM IT CLOSE AND PARALLEL TO THE LEG, LEAVING ¼' TO ½' OF COAT. NEXT USING THE BLUNT BABY SCISSORS, TRIM BEHIND THE FRONT PAWS UP TO THE LITTLE BUMP OF THE PAD YOU'LL FIND ON THE BACK OF THE FRONT LEG JUST ABOVE THE FOOT. TRIM ALL THE HAIR FROM BETWEEN THE PADS OF DOG'S FOOT. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT BECAUSE DOGS SWEAT THROUGH THEIR FEET AND THROUGH PANTING. IN THE WINTER EXCESS HAIR COLLECTS ICE WHICH CAN CUT TENDER LITTLE FEET. TRIM THE HAIR AROUND THE FOOT IN A ROUND CAT-LIKE FORM. TRIM THE NAILS BACK EVEN WITH THE PADS OF THE FEET. A GOOD RULE IS IF A POM'S NAILS CLICK ON A HARD FLOOR- THEY'RE TOO LONG. LONG NAILS AREN'T JUST UNSIGHTLY, THEY'RE CRIPPLING. THEY FORCE THE BONES IN THE POM'S FOOT INTO AN UNNATURAL POSITION AND BREAK THEM DOWN. -THEREBY CRIPPLING THE POM. THE NAILS SHOULD BE DONE ONCE EVERY 3 MONTHS, IF THE DOG LEADS A VERY ACTIVE LIFESTYLE, IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO BATH THEM MORE OFTEN, THE POM DOES NOT HAVE OIL SKIN OR COAT THEREFORE IT IS EASY TO OVER BATH THEM. AND DRY OUT THEIR SKIN AND COAT. A THOROUGH DUSTING WITH POWDER (BABY) ONCE A WEEK, THEN BRUSH IT OUT COMPLETELY IS USUALLY ENOUGH TO KEEP THEM FRESH AND CLEAN.

