



## ASK THE GROOMER

### Caring For Your Pet Between Grooming Visits

#### **Brushing Your Pet**

Invest in a high quality brush. For most dogs we recommend that you brush the hair coat vigorously one to two times per week; however, longer-haired dogs will often require more frequent brushing. Doing so will help keep his or her coat looking shiny and healthy. It will also prevent the development of mats in the hair coat which are both painful and expensive to have removed.

#### **Bathing Your Pet**

Generally, if you have your dog groomed consistently you may not need to bathe your pet at home. However, if your pet is outside a good deal or has longer hair, he or she may become dirty or develop a smell that requires an immediate bath. When bathing, be sure and use a high quality pet shampoo and remember to **RINSE ALL THE SHAMPOO OUT**. Otherwise, your pet may develop itching or flaking.

#### **Fleas and Ticks**

Check your pet regularly for fleas and ticks. Be sure that you are using a high quality Flea & Tick treatment with a **RESIDUAL** affect such as Frontline Plus. Such products not only kill fleas and ticks that may already be on your pet, but actually prevent fleas and ticks from living in the skin coat and potentially in your home for months at a time.

#### **Ears**

Ears are a problem spot for many dogs. We clean your pet's ears each time you visit us, but it is a good idea to check them every now and then to be sure no infection develops in this often warm and moist environment. Infection and/or heavy scratching of the ears by your pet is an indication that he or she may need ear medications/treatment from the vet and not merely a standard ear cleaning.

#### **Nail Trimming**

Nail clipping may be a task best left to us. However, if your pet easily holds still for you, you may elect to try keeping his or her nails clipped between visits.