



DOG COAT TYPES

A Quick Reference Guide



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Smooth Coats



Description:

Short, sleek, thin and shiny.



Common issues:

sunburns, insect bites, sensitive skin.



Bathing Frequency:

Once every 1-2 months



Brushing Frequency:

When required



Trimming Frequency:

Not required





Short Coat



Description:

1-3cm in length, two layers that lie close to the body.



Common issues:

shedding/molting, smelly coat



Bathing Frequency:

Once per month



Brushing Frequency:

Weekly



Trimming Frequency:

When required

Combination Coat



Description:

A mix of long and short hair on the dog



Common issues:

Short areas prone to shedding, longer areas prone to matting



Bathing Frequency:

Once every 4-6 weeks



Brushing Frequency:

Once every 2-3 days



Trimming Frequency:

When required





Double Coat



Description:

Thick, soft undercoat with a coarse topcoat. The coat can be long or short.



Common issues:

Shedding, matting (more common with longer coats)



Bathing Frequency:

Once every 4-6 weeks



Brushing Frequency:

Once every 2-3 days



Trimming Frequency:

When required (Do not shave a double coat!)

Heavy Coat



Description:

A particularly thick and dense double coat.



Common issues:

Shedding, matting, strong odors, dirt collecting in the coat.



Bathing Frequency:

Once per month



Brushing Frequency:

Once every 1-3 days



Trimming Frequency:

When required (Do not shave a double coat!)





Silky Coat



Description:

Long, smooth, flowing coat



Common issues:

Matting, tangling, shedding, odors



Bathing Frequency:

Once per month



Brushing Frequency:

Once per week



Trimming Frequency:

Once every 2-3 months

Wire Coat



Description:

Short, soft undercoat and a wiry topcoat. Rough and bristly to the touch.



Common issues:

Matting, tangling, odors, dirt collecting in the coat



Bathing Frequency:

Once per month



Brushing Frequency:

Once per week



Trimming Frequency:

Not Recommended





Curly Coat



Description:

Thick and voluminous curls



Common issues:

Matting, dirt and burs/vegetation collecting in the coat



Bathing Frequency:

Once per month



Brushing Frequency:

Daily



Trimming Frequency:

Once every 1-2 months

Corded Coat



Description:

Similar to dreadlocks in humans



Common issues:

Odors, tangling or cords, hot spots



Bathing Frequency:

Once per month



Brushing Frequency:

Not Recommended



Trimming Frequency:

Once or twice per year



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