

## ~Purr Kitty Cattery~ Grooming Routine

There is a wealth of information online and even YouTube videos showing you how to bath a Persian. This is what I do, and so far it has worked for me very well.

**BEFORE YOU START:** Trim the nails and comb them to take out loose fur. I use a buttercomb to do this.

First, it's important to have the right tools. To keep your Persian looking beautiful and continue to preserve that beautiful coat you need to purchase a shampoo that is formulated for cats. The PH of human shampoo is different than cats and it will harm their coats if you use human shampoo. Depending on your cat's coat color there are many different shampoos that you could use. Always ask your breeder for advice on what they are using. For whites I like Pure Paws Star Line Brightening shampoo. With white cats never apply shampoos directly to the coat or they may absorb any color the shampoo has. I once ended up with a pink cat for a few days until it completely washed off. You always want to dilute the shampoo in water, and I explain that further below. I also like Pure Paws Reconstructing shampoo. It smells very good and leaves their fur soft and smooth. Finally, for black coats I like to use Pure Paws Black Magic. You will also need a conditioner. Chris Christensen products also work very well. I like their conditioner Thick and Thicker, it smells good and it doesn't make their coat overly oily. I also use a degreaser called Groomers Goop. I use Goop to degrease, you could also use Ivory white soap. Degreasing helps when the coats are overly oily, but you don't want to use it during every bath because it will dry the coat. You will also need baby shampoo for the face. I like to use this because it is tearless.



1. Gather everything you are going to need. If you are using the goop, that is the first thing you apply. Lather their coat with it before wetting them, don't use it on their face. You will need a lot of it. Leave it on for a minute or so. Then wash it out completely with warm water in the sink. They have very thick coats, so rinsing completely is very important.
2. Then, fill the sink with water half way. Add the shampoo to the water not directly to them. About one table spoon of shampoo to one half gallon of water. The water should be soapy. I use a cup to pour the water and shampoo solution over them. If necessary, scrub dirty areas a little more and make sure the water/shampoo solution has been poured all over several times. Do Not Wet any area in the face with this solution. Wash the face last. Rinse, rinse, rinse.
3. Do the same thing for the conditioner. Rinse, rinse, rinse.

4. Now is time for the face. Use tearless baby shampoo on the face. Pour a small amount into your hands and wet, lather throughout. If you want to get into the crevices between the nose, where tear stains accumulate, use a soft bristle toothbrush and gently massage in. You could use a wash cloth to help rinse out some of the shampoo or gently pour some water (I moisten my hands and wash off). Make sure not to have water go into the ears, eyes, or nose.
5. I also bought a hose, that includes 3 settings at the pet store and attach it to the sink facet to help me get out all of the shampoo.



## Drying



1. I use an Air Force Commander dryer, but then again I have several to dry not just one. The benefits of having a professional dryer for grooming is that it's more powerful than the human dryers and will dry your cat much faster. It also blows air so strong that it combs it out as it dries.
2. If you are using a human hair dryer, make sure to get one that is very quiet. The noise will usually scare your cat. Place it on the coolest setting you don't want to burn your cat. Comb through the hair as you dry with the buttercomb or a pin brush. The type of comb you use is also important. Some combs will pull the hair out.
3. I use a slicker brush to fluff up the coat between baths.

## Eye Care



Eyes need to be wiped daily. A simple wet towel or paper towel will do in most cases. If the face is white or light cream, you may need to buy special products. I use Eye Envy (<http://eyeenvy.com/tear-stain-remover-for-cats/>) face wash and powder. They are great at keeping the face clean and white.

1. Pour a little bit of liquid on a makeup applicator pad or a cotton ball.
2. Clean the area around the eye with the pad or cotton ball.
3. Then use a small makeup brush to apply the powder under the eye, making sure it is in between the hair follicles. And around the nose crease.

The powder absorbs the tears and prevents the tears from staining. Don't allow the liquid or powder to fall inside the eye or it will irritate the eye.