



Lagotto of House Woller

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Grooming your lagotto

Finding a groomer for your lagotto can be difficult. Lagotti are rare breed dogs. They have curly coats and “look” like the poodle class. We have put together some information for you in order to help educate the person that you choose to groom your pup.

Nails:

You can clip your puppies nails with a regular people nail clipper until they are about 6 months old. As they get older you will clip there nails less and less. Once they are full sized, you will begin to use a regular dog nail clipper.

Brush: I have really grown to love the fulminator brand of grooming tools.

Dematting:

If your lagotto becomes matted you can always shave them down. We like to prevent mats. If we see a mat developing we use the demoting tool to break it up. Other useful tools that we have are:



Adjustable Dematter Tool.



The curly comb.



Undercoat deShedding Tool Medium Dog Long Hair

I use this one to clean ears and eyes. Your lagotto does not shed. :)

Shampoo: We use wen for dogs.

Your Lagotto's Coat

Your puppy is going to be coming to you will a “puppy coat.” This may or may not be curly. You will have to shave them down in order for them to grow into their curly adult coat. Your puppy will need to be groomed between 4-5 months. We shave ours down at about 6 months old.

Lagotti are pretty much wash and wear.

You don't have to do a lot to their coats. When they get dirty, give them a bath. You don't necessarily have to dry them unless they are going to become dirty again right away. Dirt drying in their coat can cause matting.

Maintaining an adult groom should be done every 6-8 weeks. More if you are showing your lagotto. We shave our pups down 2x a year. 8 weeks prior to winter and just before summer. Shaving down your puppy gives the a nice curly coat.

Blending Sheers



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Cristina Halacu-Nicon We always keep this picture at hand, and

Cristina Halacu-Nicon's Photos



1. Throat latch (blade scoop)

2. Rear angle (blade scoop)

3. Scissor angle for establishing side

and ear

4. Scissor angle for establishing layback of shoulder

5. Scissor angle for setting rear assembly (point of hip to point of cusp)*

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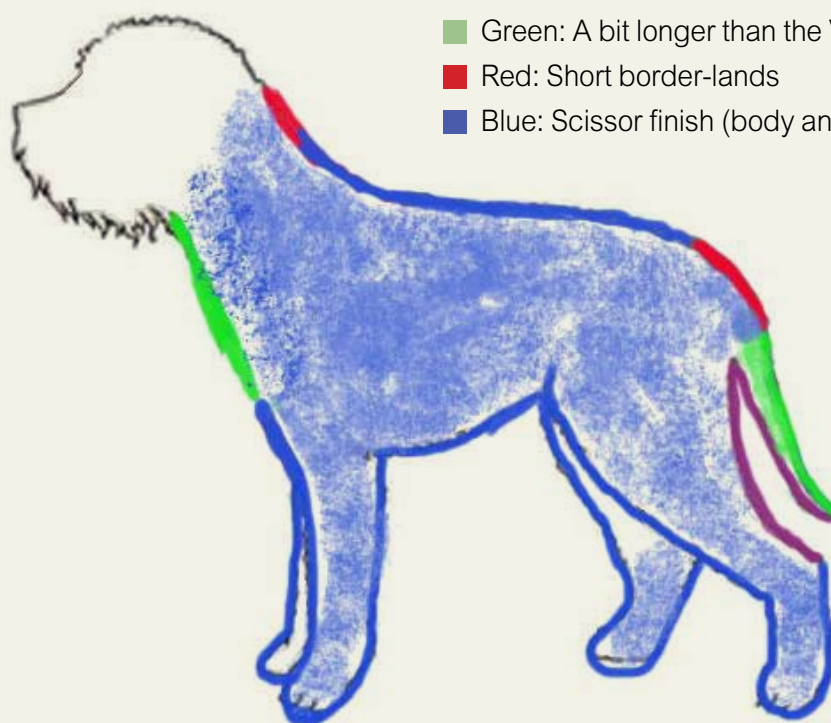
Lagotto Romagnolo

Instructions for Grooming by Laura Tanos, Regun Kennels, Hu

Grooming the Body



- **Violet:** This cut is the shortest, here I usually cut with the blade of 0.4 mm. This is the posterior part of the dog, around of anus, the lower part of the tail, the posterior and interior face of the hams. Also the abdomen.
- **Green:** Here I cut with the blade of 3 mm, a little bit longer than the violet parts, but also here seems very short. The upper line and the two lateral sides of the tail, the front of the chest, and the lower line of the neck; throat area tying into the chest.
- **Red:** Areas are short border-lands, it's important to not to make too abrupt changes on the coat length. One is on the upper line of the tail to make gradual transition, without making the tail too low inserted, the other is between neck and head.
- **Blue:** A coat of 1-2 cm, cut with scissor. The entire body and legs.



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- Red: Short border-lands
- Blue: Scissor finish (body and legs).

Grooming the Head



correct expression



incorrect



incorrect



The picture (left) is the ideal expression of the head. As seen in pictures U.S. groomers usually incorrectly cut the head of lagottos, here are some corrections.

Ears: Not to look like a poodle, don't leave long the hair on the ears! Poodles are usually cut down the hair on the base of ears and leave long on the flat part, it must be reversed on the Lagotto! Short on the top of the ear, and gradually longer in the direction of the base, this way the hair of the head near to the base of ear and the hair on the base of ear must be equal.

Pictured (lower left) Green is the shortest part (0,5-0,8 cm), then a transition with blue (1-2 cm), and with yellow the hair of the head (3-4cm).

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Cranial: length approximately 3-4 cm, curly.

Nose and beard: Don't cut down the hair on the upper line of the Muzzle, or beard. Scissor touch up beard for neat appearance if desired.

Under the eyes: 3-4 cm, curly, like on the cranial part.

Don't cut the hair between the eyes: it makes a very strange expression. The eyes must be visible, but not cutting down all the hair, only two hole, cavity for the eyes, cutting down the eyebrows. (red lines on the picture)

The areas of the face what are covered with the ears can be cut down to 1 cm, like the body, in this way you can make a good border-land on the lateral part of the neck, between the head and the body.

I usually suggest to don't dry the dog with any dryer, makes the coat very flat, woolly, like a poodle. First must be combed, to don't have any node. Then must be cut down the coat, on these measures. Then must be washed, and after that left to air dry, of course in a hot area, I usually wash them in the evening and they sleep in the room in a box, in the morning they are totally dried and curly. After that it can be put right if it's still necessary with scissor.

All this is for preparing the dog for shows, 3 months before the show (approximately), or for home-grooming. If you want to prepare the dog some days before the show then the lengths what I wrote (blade 0,3 mm, 3 mm) are too short, then you need the coat to leave longer.

Additional Lagotto Grooming Information

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ey0btpTTYsU&feature=youtube_gdata_player

Use a #4 blade on the body and ears, scissors to the legs, face, and tail. I use an Andis clipper two speed.

Other tools that you could use.

