AUSTRALIAN LABRADOODLE

GROOMING INSTRUCTION MANUAL



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PREPARING FOR GROOMING

Brush dog thoroughly and completely. Using a dime size amount of cowboy magic in the palm of your hand, rub it all over the coat. Brush your dog out completely all the way to the skin! Start at your dog's neck and work your way down its body, getting out any tangles or matts. Make sure you de-mat your dog fully prior to bathing. It will be easier to do everything else if you start with a well-brushed dog.

BATHING

Shampoo and condition dog. Again, be sure to completely brush and de-mat the coat prior to bathing the dog. If there are any matts that were not removed before bathing, they will get worse or tighten and get harder to remove.

DRYING

Towel dry thoroughly. Before blow drying, place a small amount of cowboy magic in the palm of your hand (dime size) and rub all over the body of the coat. Brush through coat thoroughly making sure you are tangle and matt free. Blow dry and brush along the natural lay of the coat while drying the dog. Be careful to not blow-dry too close to the coat because you can tangle the coat and cause damage to the skin, ears and eyes.



GROOMING

PART 1: GROOMING BASICS



Use a #10 blade with an E comb to clip the body of the coat. Starting at the top of the neck or base of the skull, clip along the natural lay of the coat, from the back of the head, down the back, sides and legs. When you get to the base of the tail, tuck it in between their legs and clip over the back to remove any uneven hair.

PART 2: SANITARY PORTION



Use a #10 blade to clip the privates, in between the upper portion of the legs and tummy, up to the belly button area. Note: be sure not to clip too far up the under side of the tail.

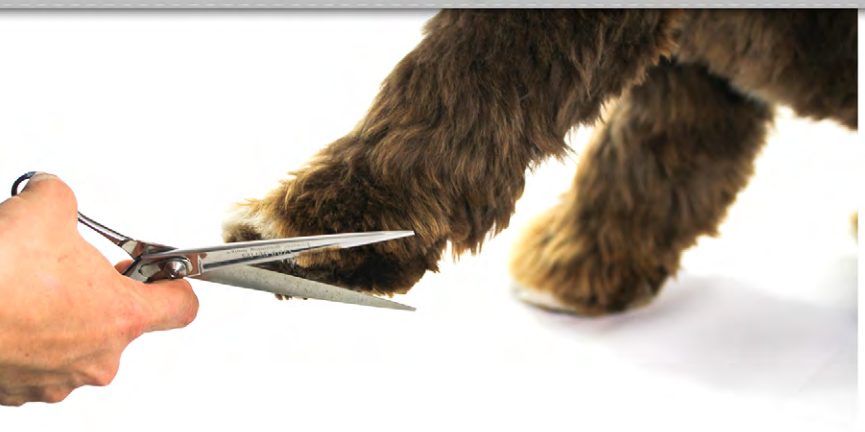
PART 3: PAW AND PADS



Use the #10 blade to clip the bottom of the feet (paw pad area) making sure to only clip the portion around the paw pads, not over the top or on the toes.

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PART 4: PAW, PADS AND FEET



Brush all the hair down the leg and cut around the foot with scissors. Be sure to cut any stray or uneven hairs the clippers missed.

PART 5: EYES



Use the thinning shears to clip the inside corner of the eyes.

PART 6: EARS (BACK PORTION)



Brush all the hair down the ear to the tip, making sure it's smooth. On the backside of the ear, cut the hair from the base or back of the ear to the tip of the ear. Making sure to follow the ear leather.

PART 7: EARS (FRONT PORTION)



From the front side, brush the hair again down to the tip to smooth and cut the bottom 1/2 to the tip, just below the ear leather.

PART 8: EARS (TIP)



Taper out the end and blend with the thinning shears.

PART 9: TOP OF THE HEAD



Brush all the hair on the top of the head back, as if you were going to put it in a ponytail, cut at an angle pointing downward, about 1/2 inch off of the back of the head. Using the thinning shears to blend any remaining uneven hair.

PART 10: BANGS



Comb all hair above the eyes forward, then cut an inverted V in between the eyes, using regular scissors. Note: You can cut a wider inverted V to expose more eye or a smaller one to expose less. Use the thinning shears to blend sides with the eyes.

PART 11: NOSE/MUZZLE



Comb everything forward. Use the thinning shears and cut straight down to the bottom of the muzzle.

PART 12: CHIN/BEARD



The chin can either be left full length and be blended from the side, or it can be cut and blended to any length. Using the thinning shears, start just below the ear and cut down towards the chin.

PART 11: TIDYING UP



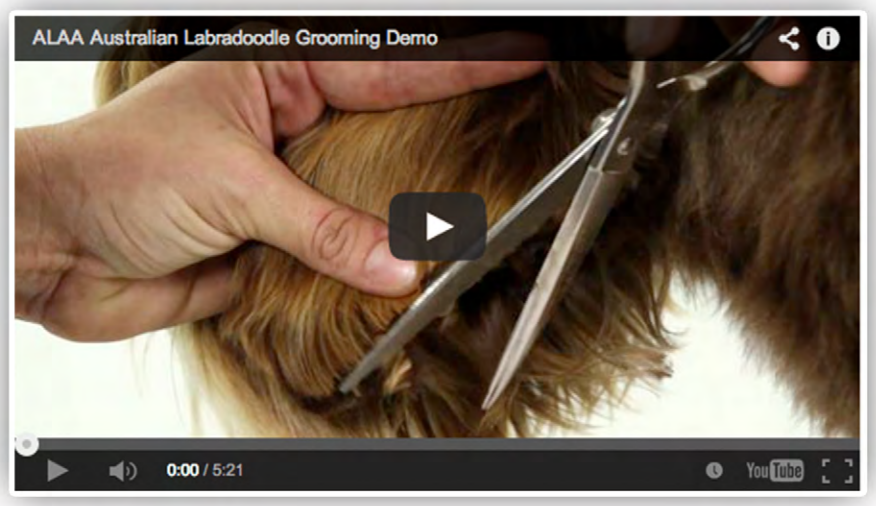
You will want to brush over your dog and use the thinning shears to remove any uneven hair.

THE END..... PERFECTLY GROOMED AUSTRALIAN LABRADOODLE.



The Australian Labradoodle Association of America (ALAA) protects the welfare of the Labradoodle and Australian Labradoodle breeds. The organization promotes responsible dog companionship by cataloguing helpful information about the breeds and by offering networking services to breeders and owners.

As a leader in this effort, we are working hard to make a difference.



GROOMING DEMO VIDEO

Full step by step grooming procedures on this informative video.