



Grooming

Combing and Brushing

Although Yorkies are a non-shedding breed, their coats tend to mat easily. It is important to use a round tipped comb several times a week to keep their coats free of tangles. Many people choose to have their groomer cut their Yorkie in a "puppy-cut" which is much easier to maintain. Most Yorkies will need a grooming appointment every 6-8 weeks depending on how long you like to let their hair grow in between visits.

Bathing

Start bathing your puppy every few weeks with an appropriate dog/puppy shampoo. Human shampoos are not balanced for the skin pH of dogs. We recommend a mild shampoo that is meant for puppies for routine cleansing. Do not use any medicated shampoos unless directed by your veterinarian.

Trimming Nails

The younger you start trimming your puppies' nails the better! You may trim the nails up to once a week at first to get them used to having their feet handled! Either ask us to show you when you pick up your puppy or ask your veterinarian on your first visit.

Trimming around the Eyes

Hair laying over the eye or poking the eye can damage the eye's surface. It is important to keep this hair short and the area clean. If you want to trim the hair yourself, it is best to use a long tipped scissors and cut with the points directed away from the eye. This will lower the risk of eye injury if your dog moves suddenly while trimming. If you are not comfortable trimming the hair yourself, have your groomer trim it regularly. You may also need to cleanse this area with a cotton ball moistened with warm water to prevent "eye goober" buildup.