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Washing your Puppy

At some point in your puppy's life you will need to wash him/her, this can be very traumatic for your dog, but if done gently you will find that he/she will enjoy the time.

Before you wash your puppy/dog you should groom him/her thoroughly to remove any knots and debris that may be in the coat.

Ensure you have all your equipment ready, i.e shampoo, conditioner, towels and hairdryer

Good products can be obtained through Plush Puppy, Hub International etc and any good pet store. I would suggest you use only products that contain of natural ingredients. However, you can (if you wish) use a whitening shampoo for the feet and any staining on the area around the mouth. I will be pleased to advise you on which product to use if you so wish.

To wash your dog:

1. Wet him thoroughly from head to foot with warm water (not hot), trying to avoid getting water in the eyes and especially the ears.
2. Apply the shampoo (follow the manufactures directions on the bottle), again avoiding the eyes and ears, working well into the hair paying particular attention to the feet and the bottom.
3. Rinse thoroughly and re-apply (if your dog is really dirty). When rinsing you must ensure that there is no soap residue left in the hair as this can cause irritation to the skin.
4. Apply the conditioner (follow the manufactures directions) and work well in to the hair. At this time I always gently massage the coat and skin for about 2 minutes as I find this relaxes my dogs and they seem to enjoy it.
5. Comb the conditioner through to the ends of the hair and gently tease out any knots that may have formed.
6. Rinse thoroughly for approximately two to three minutes or until there is no residue left in the hair.
7. Once there is no more conditioner left in the hair, gently squeeze out excess water and wrap your dog in a towel. **DO NOT RUB YOUR DOG AS THIS WILL KNOT THE COAT.**
8. To dry your dog lie him/her flat on his/her side on a dry towel and using the hairdryer on a low heat dry the coat a section at a time, working from the feet upwards (as when grooming) using the brush only ensuring that you work from the skin to the ends. Once the coat is thoroughly dry you can then begin the grooming process.