



Bulldog GROOMING

Grooming Checklist

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List of supplies:

Oatmeal Based Shampoo
(made by BioGroom)

Cotton balls

Paper towels

Epi-optic ear cleaner

Opticlear eye drops

Mink oil

Baby wipes or
antibacterial wipes

Bath towels

Wash cloth

Blow dryer

Soft bristle brush

Clean bedding

Vaseline

Gold Bond Powder

Q-tips

Routine maintenance

Once a week

- Tails should be cleaned thoroughly once a week to keep from getting sore. A dirty tail can lead to infection. To clean under the tail use a babywipe to remove dirt followed by a soft paper towel to dry.
- Between baths brush your dog with a soft bristle brush - first against the grain then with the grain, followed by a nice rub down. The idea is to remove the loose hair and distribute the natural oils which, when done regularly, create a nice healthy, shiny coat.
- Trim nails. The easiest way to trim thick bulldog nails is to use a Dremel tool with a sanding drum attachment. The speed of the rotating sandpaper will grind down the nail quickly. There is also less risk of nicking the quick. After trimming nails put a squirt of powder between their toes. This can help prevent interdigital cysts.
- Change bedding and clean out their crate at least once a week. Wash bedding with a scent/dye-free detergent in hot water and use a small amount of chlorine bleach in the water if needed. Also thoroughly clean food and water dishes with hot water.

Twice a week

- Vaseline should be applied to the nose twice a week to keep it soft and moist. If neglected, the nose will dry out and crack.

Three times a week

- Clean in-between facial wrinkles with babywipes formulated for dogs. Be sure to dry the wrinkles with a tissue to help inhibit bacterial growth. You can also put powder between their wrinkles to help absorb moisture. You can also use Q-tips for deep set wrinkles.

Once a month

- Bath with an oatmeal-based detergent-free shampoo.
- After bathing put a few drops of Opticlear in the eyes to rinse out any foreign particles you may have gotten into the eyes.