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INFORMATION SHEET

HOW TO SHAMPOO YOUR DOG

Choosing a proper shampoo is as important as choosing a good food or flea treatment. Wrong shampoo can be very harmful drying and irritating your pet's skin even more. We can help you to find a specific shampoo for your dog need.

1. It is recommended that you shampoo your dog in a warm, comfortable and quiet environment.
2. Use lukewarm water to thoroughly wet the skin surface. Make sure you do not forget areas under the neck, the stomach, the legs and feet.
3. You can use a sponge to wet the skin around the face and difficult to reach areas.
4. Apply shampoo to several spots over the body.
5. Gently massage the shampoo into the skin, all over the dog, until sufficient shampoo is used to produce a good lather. Be careful around the face to avoid eyes, nose, mouth and ears.
6. Leave the shampoo on the dog for 5-10 minutes (easier said than done), this gives enough time for the ingredients in the shampoo to start working on the skin. The longer you allow shampoo to remain on the skin the better the results you will see. While you are doing that you can occupy your dog with playing, treats etc.
7. Thoroughly rinse all shampoo from the skin using lukewarm water.
8. After shampooing it's a good idea to use conditioner, especially if your dog has a long coat or itchy skin.
9. Thoroughly dry your dog.
10. After drying gently comb the hair.