



Grooming Desensitization Procedure

It's our responsibility to ensure our puppies are clean & well-groomed through to adulthood. By grooming your puppy multiple times, they will become used to the grooming equipment and not be afraid of it as well as help you build a stronger bond with your puppy.

Preparation (*tools needed*):

1. Puppy's favorite treat (s)
2. Rubber brush
3. Metal brush or furminator
4. Loud vibrating clipper (ex. grinder, electric toothbrush, trimmer with guards, etc.)

Process

1. Once per day, please use one of the tools above
2. Begin by lightly touching the item to your dogs' body lightly. Note: If the item is motorized, use this item in the off position. When the item touches the puppy's body, say good boy/girl then give them a treat. Repeat this 5 times

Notes: The dog may smell the item but they should not be fearful. If the puppy is fearful or tries to pull away, please contact a Puppy Development Staff member to help work through this.

3. If the puppy can handle the touch 5 times, then put the item on the dog for 3-5 seconds then rewarding with a treat. Continue to add more time as well as moving the item up/down along the dogs body.
4. When the puppy is comfortable with this, please begin to brush them. During the brushing, feel free to give treats to maintain a positive experience.
5. If you use a vibration tool (motorized toothbrush, shaver, etc.), repeat steps 2 & 3 with the item turned on. It's normal for the puppy to be scared at first but with starting slow & gradually building up, the puppy will accept this.

If you have any questions/concerns, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Puppy Development Staff team.

