

Non Shedding Coats

Breeds with a non shedding or low shedding coats have become very popular in the last few years. These range in size from very small to very large, such as the Toy Poodle, Yorky, Maltese, Lhasa Apso, Shih Tzu, Bichon, Havanese, Cotton de Tular, Chinese Crested Powderpuff, Miniature Schnauzer, Tibetan Terrier, Lowchen, West Highland Terrier, American Cocker Spaniel, Portuguese Water Dog, Bouvier Des Flandres, Standard Poodle, poodle mixes and many more.

Non-shedding dogs do not shed their coat twice a year, although there is some coat loss – similar to our own hair loss if you will or in some cases, a degree of shedding may occur in cycle. Their coat continually grows; these breeds require regular clipping and grooming. Some dogs have a cottony texture coat and tend to tangle easily. For example, some Shi Tzus have a cottony coat that tangles easily while others Shih Tzus never get any tangles. Much like humans or members of the same family, dogs of the same breed can have very different hair texture.

Most non shedding breeds must be brushed and combed every few days. If you have wall to wall carpet, the static electricity, especially in Winter when the furnace is on, can create mats or tangles on the legs, underbelly, chest and rear of the dog. Those dogs with a silky or coarse coat don't tend to be affected by static as much.

Most non-shedding breeds look very cute in a puppy cut, which is easier to care for but they can also be kept in a longer clip. Breeds such as the Yorkies or Maltese look beautiful with styles, short or long.

I personally use a good quality re-moisturizer in the Winter months to keep the coat soft and hydrated.

If you have a non shedding breed, I recommend grooming every 6 to 8 weeks, depending on the coat texture and thickness.

Regular grooming will benefit both you and your dog: he or she will always smell good, look and feel great.

If you are unsure on which brush or comb to use, do not hesitate to ask, it will be my pleasure to show you the proper technique and equipment to keep your dog's coat free of tangles, soft and clean.

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