

The Poodle Coat Ritual

A practical seven-step routine to help reduce tangles, protect the coat and preserve professional grooming results between appointments.

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Start with a coat check

Run your fingers through the coat before brushing. Note friction zones - behind the ears, collar line, armpits, chest and legs - where tangles usually begin.

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Mist before you brush

Avoid aggressively brushing a completely dry coat. A light grooming mist can add slip and help reduce static and breakage.

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Work in small sections

Use line brushing: separate a narrow section, brush from the skin outward, then move upward through the coat. Never skim only the surface.

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Verify with a metal comb

The slicker brush loosens the coat; the comb confirms the work. If the comb catches, return to that small section instead of pulling through the knot.

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Protect sensitive areas

Use gentle pressure around ears, joints, belly and tail. Hold the hair near the skin when working on a tangle to reduce uncomfortable pulling.

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Dry completely after bathing

Damp curls tighten as they dry. Blot rather than rub with a towel, then dry thoroughly while brushing in sections.

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Use a realistic rhythm

Short sessions are easier to maintain: quick friction-zone checks daily, a complete brush two or three times weekly, and professional grooming on the schedule recommended for the individual coat.

YOUR SIMPLE TOOLKIT

A quality slicker brush, a stainless-steel comb, a gentle detangling mist, absorbent towels and a safe dryer setup form a strong foundation. Choose tools for the dog's size, coat length, skin sensitivity and tolerance.

Important: This guide is educational and does not replace advice from a professional groomer or veterinarian. Stop if the dog shows pain or distress. Tight mats close to the skin should be handled professionally.

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