

Canine Grooming - Student Notes

Directions:

Fill in the blanks.

1. Grooming

- Needed by all canines, but some need more attention than others
- Essential for healthy _____ along with a healthy diet
- Can cause several problems if not done _____

2. Grooming

- Depends on several factors, including:
 - _____
 - coat texture
 - coat _____
 - purpose

3. Brushing

- Usually several times a _____ keeps a dog neat and clean
- Eliminates _____ flakes and stimulates blood circulation

4. Hair Coats

- Medium and _____ coated dogs need to be brushed two to three times a week to keep the coat and skin healthy
- A long-coated dog should have its hair combed _____ times throughout the week

5. Hair Coats

- A _____-coated dog should be combed several times a week to get rid of _____ hair
- Owners should know about their dog's hair coat before purchasing
 - owners should have a brush suitable for their dog's coat

6. Grooming Tools

- Many different _____ are available for grooming
- Comb types:
 - _____ teeth
 - coarse teeth
 - fine teeth

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7. Grooming Tools

- Many different types are available for grooming
- Brush types:
 - short metal pins
 - _____ metal pins
 - flexible plastic pins
 - oval-shaped
 - _____

8. Grooming Tools

- Shedding blades are available for _____-coated dogs
- Nubby _____ are used for smooth and short coated breeds
- Mat combs have long teeth and are used to loosen mats

9. Grooming Tools

- _____ brushes are used to remove dead hair and mats
- _____ brushes are used to brush facial and leg hair

10. Grooming Tools

- Must be used correctly
- If used _____, products can _____ a dog's skin and coat
- Consult a professional for advice

11. Grooming Tool Preferences

- Each breed is different and will need different tools
- For _____ coated dogs, the owner should have:
 - soft wire brush
 - fine teeth comb
 - _____ comb

12. Grooming Tool Preferences

- Each breed is different and will need different tools
- For _____ and medium-coated breeds, the owner should have:
 - slicker brush
 - _____ brush

13. Grooming Tool Preferences

- _____ dogs should be brushed delicately with a soft brush
- Nubby gloves or coarse rags should be used to groom the _____

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14. Tangles & Mats

- Mats are solid masses of hair, which form anywhere on the body
- Mats can pull the _____, causing pain, irritated skin and infected skin
 - irritated skin can lead to _____ and staphylococcus infections

15. Tangles & Mats

- When grooming a dog with mats, be gentle to avoid hurting the skin
- Comb the _____ of the tangles and work in
- Work in _____ sessions, and keep the canine as comfortable as possible

16. Tangles & Mats

- Some mats can be pulled apart with a _____ tooth of a comb
- Some mats require _____
- Shaving may be the only solution for severe mats

17. Shedding

- Is influenced by _____ changing, as well as the length of the day, the level of _____ and the overall healthiness of the dog
- Can take anywhere from three weeks to several months

18. Shedding

- Some dogs do not shed and must be _____ to release dead hair
- Other dogs shed their hair _____ any help

19. Bathing

- Shampoos, gels, conditioners and supplements are available to _____ and clean a canine's coat
- The best product for bathing a dog are shampoos made especially for canines
- Mild soap, _____ shampoo or coconut oil shampoo can be used

20. Bathing

- You should not get water or bathing products too close to the eyes and _____
- Too many baths can _____ the natural oils in the skin, leading to constant scratching

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21. Bathing

- Too much bathing also can make the dog's coat _____
 - _____ based shampoos and coat conditioners are available to help maintain natural skin oils for dogs who are bathed frequently

22. Clipping Nails

- Clip every two or three weeks
- Long nails can cause the foot to _____ or spread and can _____ the skin
- To prevent injury, teach the canine to stand still, hold its paw and clip a tiny bit off each nail at a time

23. Clipping Nails

- Owners who have the ability to cut their dog's nails may want to keep a pair of clippers around
 - you should _____ use scissors or _____ toenail clippers

24. Clipping Nails

- Canines have a quick _____ the toenail appearing darker in color
 - the quick has a nerve and _____ supply
 - clipping the quick hurts the dog and causes profuse bleeding
 - use flour or cornstarch to stop bleeding from the quick

25. Ears

- Check canines' ears often
- _____ ears are especially susceptible to infections and should be checked weekly
- _____ ears are uncomfortable and can lead to further complications

26. Ears

- Dog may cause a _____ while shaking his head due to the discomfort
 - when inspecting ears, check for unusual _____ or odor

27. Ears

- Need to be cleaned every _____ weeks
- Clean the _____ part of the outer ear
- Clean with a damp towel or a cotton swab with mineral oil

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28. Pups

- Start _____ as a pup to make grooming easier as the dog gets older
- Teach acceptance of people handling him
- Groom using a _____ brush or washcloth

29. Other Reminders

- A _____ or bench is better for grooming dogs
- The grooming surface should be covered with a _____ material

30. Other Reminders

- Always remove _____ and stickers as soon as they are found
- Consider taking your animal in to see a _____ groomer