



General Advice: During Grooming (Dog)

Before the grooming treatment begins, your professional groomer will have completed a Pre-Grooming Consultation (PGC) with you. Please see our handout for the Pre-Grooming Consultation.

You can expect the following to take place During Grooming:

- Your dog will be led or taken into a secure environment by a trained professional
- Depending on the method your groomer follows, your dog's nails will be trimmed, ears cleaned, anal glands checked to determine if they need expressing
- A usual treatment will include a bath. Your dog will be placed into a large bathtub, shampooed and thoroughly rinsed in warm water
- Your dog will then be dried – perhaps initially in the bath or separately at a table. Your groomer will use towels to rid the coat of excess water and, depending on the salon, a high-velocity dryer (also called a blaster) to ensure the coat is perfectly dry before scissoring and styling can take place. The high-velocity dryer is fantastic at ridding the coat of dead hair lying close to the skin
- Depending on the treatment, some groomers may 'rough-cut' your dog before the bath. This means that clippers will be used to take off some of the length first.
- During the blow-dry, your groomer will thoroughly brush your dog's coat to ensure it is free of knots before styling / scissoring begins
- During styling/scissoring, your groomer will use a variety of tools like clippers and scissors to shape your dog's coat to breed standards OR as you've agreed with your groomer (you might have opted for an Asian Fusion or Freestyle groom which is, technically, a departure from breed standards)
- *If you have requested a hand-strip for your dog, the groomer may bathe your dog and hand-strip on separate occasions. This is to reduce the risk of furunculosis, a rare bacterial skin infection (during stripping the follicles are opened up and especially sensitive to bacterial invasion so it is safest to bathe and strip separately or, at least, to bathe before stripping)*

As a member of The British Isles Grooming Association, your BIGA groomer agrees to abide by our professional code of conduct. Animal health, safety and welfare is our number one priority. Regular grooming is beneficial to your pet's health and happiness and we encourage you to partner with your groomer in this noble endeavour.