



Dog Washing 101

- Make sure you have everything you need before you get started: shampoo, towel, brush etc. **Keep the dog's leash on and secure.**
- Double check the temperature of the water that it is not too hot/cold.
- Check with the vet tech if a dog has a skin condition to see which shampoo would be best for him.
- Dogs with skin issues need a gentle touch as their skin is sensitive; no hard scrubbing.
- Puppies must never touch the ground to prevent them from coming in contact with disease.
- Thoroughly sterilize the tub/tote in between baths.
- You should wear gloves washing dogs and sterilize your hands between handling dogs to prevent cross contamination.
- If you have a partner, one can bathe and one can clean the puppy kennel so the puppy will be in a nice clean kennel when finished.
- Talk to your dog/puppy and take it slow. This may be the first bath they've had in a long time, or **ever**.
- Keep soap away from eyes and nose. Use a rag or baby wipe to gently clean the face.
- Use a rag to gently clean the ears and stay towards the outside.
- **Do not** wash a dog with a cone or one that has recently had surgery.

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