

Grooming Hints – Combing and Brushing

Regular, proper brushing and combing are essential in order to keep your dog's coat in good condition and to avoid matting.

Many dog breeds, in particular the long-haired types such as Bichon Frise, Maltese, Cocker Spaniels, Cavalier Spaniels and the like **MUST** be **COMBED** on a regular basis. Brushing of these types of dogs will only groom the outer coat – the fur underneath will quickly become matted unless regular combing is undertaken.

The two essential tools to keep your dog's coat looking good are:

*** A steel comb**

These are designed to keep fine textured coats and the "feathers" on legs and tail of long haired dogs tangle-free. Always hold the dog's skin/body close to the area being brushed in order to support the skin and avoid excessive pulling on the dog's coat.

*** A slicker brush**



The Slicker Brush with soft pins is designed especially for pets with sensitive skin and fine, silky coats. It is used to remove dead and shedding hair and also helps to untangle matts and snarls. Again, make sure you hold the dog's skin/body close to the area being brushed in order to support the skin and avoid excessive pulling on the dog's coat.