

Show Grooming by Dog Coat Type

Dog Handlers and seasoned experts share their grooming tips.

Smooth Coats Judith Bingham has exhibited Doberman Pinschers for 35 years, and Smooth Fox Terriers for 10 years. A red Doberman bitch that she co-bred was sired by her top-producing stud dog, Ch. Electras the Wind Walker (with six all-breed BIS get and 95 AKC champions), and won Best in Show at Westminster in 1989. Her name was 'Indy,' Ch. Royal Tudors Wild As The Wind.

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1. You need a good coat (e.g., short and tight against the body) to work on initially.
 2. Don't rub shampoo into the coat backwards (i.e., against the natural direction of hair growth).
 3. When cleaning up the neck, don't leave too much hair on the front of the neck as you blend into the shoulder.
 4. If you think you have taken off enough, you can always take off more.
 5. Keep the nails short on a smooth-coated breed. There is nothing to hide the feet.

Tools I use #1 All Systems shampoo (really diluted) for bathing, because it is pH balanced for dog skin and does not dry them out. I also use Avon Skin So Soft with sunscreen spray for insect repellent and shine at ringside.

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