

Show Grooming by Dog Coat Type

Dog Handlers and seasoned experts share their grooming tips.

Wire Coats Pro-handler Doug Belter, of Wayland, Mich., credits Denis Springer, Paul Booher, Fred Fraser, George Ward, "and many others" as key figures in his career in dogs. "I have had the privilege of working with and knowing many great Terrier people," he says. In 1991, Belter exhibited the No. 1 all-breeds dog in Canada, the English Setter bitch Ch. Telcontar's Tahiti Sweeti; and in 1998, Wire Fox Terrier Ch. Britework's Bold Navigator, who's still the Canadian record holder at 119 BIS awards. "In between there have been many other terriers," he says, including an Irish Terrier that was top Terrier in Canada in 1993.

Rules 1. Time every day, trimming, brushing, picking is the most important thing to a good coat.

2. Keep it clean! Nothing damages coat furnishings like dirt. Hard-coated dogs can be bathed, but must be dried immediately.

3. Condition daily, and keep furnishings oiled.

4. Make sure dogs are parasite free, externally and internally. Fleas and worms will impair coat growth and condition.

Tools 1. Pearson Stripping Knives are very good, but Hauptner also makes great knives.

2. I use ProGro by Proline for furnishings, and also Mane & Tail conditioner.

3. For whitening, there's a new chalk by Lanny Hirstein that's super.

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