



Grooming Schedule

A Complete Guide to Keeping Your Labradoodle Beautiful

Why Grooming Matters

Australian Labradoodles have gorgeous, low-shedding fleece or wool coats that require regular grooming to stay healthy and tangle-free. Establishing a consistent grooming routine from puppyhood will keep your dog comfortable and looking their best.

Daily Care

- Quick 5-minute brush with a slicker brush to prevent matting
- Check ears for debris, redness, or odor
- Wipe around eyes to remove tear stains
- Check paws for burrs, ice, or injuries after outdoor play

■ **Tip:** Start brushing your puppy from day one so they learn to enjoy grooming time!

Weekly Care

- Thorough full-body brush session (15–20 minutes) with slicker brush and metal comb
- Clean ears with vet-recommended ear cleaner (e.g., Vetoquinol)
- Brush teeth with dog-safe toothpaste
- Check and trim nails if needed (every 1–2 weeks)

■ **Tip:** If you can hear nails clicking on hard floors, they're too long.

Monthly Care

- Full bath with quality puppy/dog shampoo and conditioner
- Deep conditioning treatment for coat health
- Trim hair around eyes, paws, and sanitary areas
- Check for any skin irritations, lumps, or parasites

Professional Grooming (Every 6–8 Weeks)

- Full haircut and styling
- Professional bath and blow-dry
- Ear cleaning and plucking if necessary
- Nail grinding/trimming
- Sanitary trim

■ **Tip:** Book your groomer before bringing your puppy home! Good groomers often have wait lists.

Recommended Grooming Tools

Tool	Purpose	Frequency
Slicker Brush	Removes tangles and loose hair	Daily
Metal Comb	Detects hidden mats close to skin	Weekly
Nail Clippers/Grinder	Keeps nails at a healthy length	Every 1–2 weeks
Ear Cleaner	Prevents ear infections	Weekly
Dog Toothbrush	Maintains dental health	Daily/Weekly
Detangling Spray	Makes brushing easier	As needed
Puppy Shampoo	Gentle coat cleaning	Monthly

Coat Types & Special Considerations

Fleece Coat: Soft and silky, can range from straight to wavy. Requires regular brushing to prevent matting. This is the most common coat type in Australian Labradoodles.

Wool Coat: Dense and curly, similar to a poodle. Needs frequent brushing and professional grooming to maintain shape and prevent tight mats.

■ **Tip:** Always brush your Labradoodle before bathing — water tightens existing mats and makes them nearly impossible to remove!