

SHOW GROOMING OF THE SMOOTH DACHSHUND

The Smooth (Short haired) Dachshund has a short, thick, smooth, shiny coat. Very little grooming is required to show this Variety.

HEAD - Use a straight shear with rounded tips to cut the whiskers on the muzzle, over the eyes, on the cheeks, and on the underside of the jaw. These whiskers should be cut very close to the skin.

NECK - If the dog has a particularly thick coat, you may have to scissor the stray hairs on the sides of the neck where the coat growth from the back of the neck joins the growth from the front. You may also have to trim the wispy hairs which may protrude at the point of the breastbone. This may be done with either straight scissors or thinning shears, but cut slowly and carefully so that you do not leave a bare spot or sharp line where you have scissored.

TAIL - If the hair on the underside of the tail is thick and unkempt looking, trim with scissors or thinning shears to give a sleek tapered look.

FEET - Trim any hair that may protrude on the underside of the feet so that the hair is even with the pads.

A light spray of coat dressing oil, or a small amount of baby oil rubbed on your hands and then applied lightly to the coat, will add luster and sheen to the coat.

(I also trim uneven hairs (if any are present) on the skin just in front of the back legs. This gives a more elegant look. Don't do this however, if you dog already has too much tuck-up. A spray of one-half water and one-half Alpha-Keri Bath Oil is good to spray on lightly the day before the show. I find sprays under pressure can cause dandruff. Ada)

PET GROOMING OF THE SMOOTH DACHSHUND

The Smooth Dachshund who is not being shown requires practically no grooming to be the ideal house pet. He should be bathed occasionally and brushed often to keep the skin healthy and the coat glowing.

NOW WE KNOW! -- Those very informative articles about grooming in the past two issues and (smooths) in this issue, were written in 1979 by Jeanne Rice for Mr. Ben Stone, author of "The Stone Guide To Dog Grooming For All Breeds" (1981), and were later included in the DCA "Handbook" (1980). They were originally approved by the NMDC Board of Directors and credit was given to NMDC in the book. We thank Jeanne for the information and hope the articles have been helpful to the membership.
