

Here is some information regarding grooming a goldendoodle that I found out about, hopefully this will help answer any questions that we may have talked about earlier:

**As some of you saw today, some of the pups tear very easily. This is a poodle trait. The eyes should be clipped about every 4 weeks. With an eye clipper or a small scissors.

~ everyday or when needed - wipe the eyes with a baby wipe or a warm cloth. This will also help the eye tearing not to get hard. But they still will need the eyes to be clipped near the ducts so that it won't have a chance at getting hard.

**They should be brushed and combed every week, not necessary for every day (only if you want to). There is a reason behind this: 2 different types of coats are on the goldendoodles, as you all know, the poodle fuzzy hair and the golden retriever hair that is normally double coated and coarse. So to prevent any matting, try to keep up on that.

**When a matt would occur it is very simple to get out, in most cases of course, simply take a slicker brush and brush through the body. The matt won't come out with this but will loosen any hair around that. Next take a metal comb and also go through the body, next use a matt breaker and this should do the trick. If this does not do the trick, then off to the groomer! Try not to cut a matt out, due to making it look a little funny around that area. Groomers have other techniques that they can do a lot easier than it would be for us to try.

**The pup should be groomed anywhere from 6-8 weeks. Now, this is your preference and every pup is going to be different, so you use your judgement. This is just how often my mom's goldendoodle is done, sometimes it may be a little longer, depending on her matts. If you are having problems looking for a groomer, post on the www.goldendoodle.com website forum and post your question regarding a groomer in your specific area, and you should find some that are familiar with the goldendoodle breed.

**As for the nails. It is really important that the pup get used to this, so there is no fear when playing with their feet. You can help by playing with their feet or just holding their feet and not letting go so that they get used to the idea of someone holding their foot while clipping. I can't stress this enough, Haley the oldest pup, is terrified of this and therefore is usually muzzled so she doesn't her the groomer or herself.

So throughout this information I have named some tools that you might consider purchasing for your new pup, entirely up to you, of course:

- ~Slicker Brush
- ~Metal Comb
- ~Matt Breaker
- ~Small Scissors or eye clippers
- ~Baby Wipes or soft clothes (I wouldn't use paper towels, some can be pretty rough)
- ~Nail clipper (or this can be avoided by letting the groomer do this)

I hope this helped a little. Good Luck!
Bobbie