

GROOMING TOOLS & SUPPLIES FOR HOME AND SHOW

FOR SHEDDING/THINNING OUT HAIR (these all work)

Zoom Groom rubber brush: Excellent for general removal of loose hair

Pumice Stone (black): For brushing/removing dead hair, use with rolling motion

Stripping knife for short haired dogs

Furminator: Pricey, but good for removing dead hair, like a super stripping knife.

TOENAIL CARE:

Rotary tool for grinding nails, small rechargeable or plug in models

Scissors style nail clippers – can be sharpened and you can see what you're doing with this style of clipper

Bathing: Use a "Puff" sold for use with body gel, put shampoo on it, not the dog to prevent soap getting into the hair follicles and coming back out as dandruff

SHOW TRIMMING

Battery operated mustache trimmer: muzzle hair trimming

Blunt tip scissors: for trimming eye/cheek whiskers,

Thinning shears: for tail, back legs and thinning neck hair.

WHITENING SUPPLIES FOR SHOWING

SELF RINSING SHAMPOO: Blue or purple cleansing solution – good for spot cleaning, and pre-cleaning feet before applying whitening agents

CHALKS & POWDERS

SOFT block chalk: This is used as a final touch-up on the head/muzzle and also to touch up body blemishes such as elbow and hock callouses. The best type is "Cone Chalk" block talc which is sold at billiard parlors, saw off a manageable size piece. The Sno-White brand in a pale blue box is also good. Try any chalk before buying, some are very hard – you want one that will rub off easily onto your dog.

Ducky White by Winners Circle: White powder that sticks skin/hair without a cream base

Baby Powder/Cornstarch/Grooming Powder: All work as loose powders to apply to various parts of the dog, should be applied on top of a cholesterol base to help them stick.

- Cholesterol/Kolesterol cream: Find it in the African-American section of beauty supply stores, like Sally's, a white or pale yellow cream that helps white powders stick. Dog versions available at shows, but more expensive.

Puffer: Baby sock filled with Johnson's Baby Powder for "poofing" white faces after applying clown white. Can be used on coloreds, but you'll have to wipe excess off colored areas.

Grooming Supplies & Show Grooming Basics
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CLOWN WHITE: Yes, this is the same stuff that circus clowns use, although there are a few products made specifically for dogs. Look for professional grade makeup from theatrical supply and costume stores. Different types work better on different dogs, you may need to experiment.

OIL BASED: These cover and stick better than water based clown whites, but can be harder to blend. Remove after the show to avoid clogged pores. Mehron is a leading brand, Chris Christiansen makes one that is quite sticky, good for covering blemishes, the Kyrlyon is really easy to spread.

WATER BASED: Aquacolor by Kyrlyon is a pancake type makeup which needs to be moistened and then applied with fingers – easy to blend in and remove. Best for dogs with unblemished skin, a fairly light cover.

SHOW GROOMING BASICS

DAY BEFORE THE SHOW:

Groom the dog (before bathing)

- Trim whiskers on face, including those over the eyes, on cheeks and under the chin.
- Use thinning shears to eliminate scraggly hair on tail (it “should taper to a fine point”) on the back of the rear legs (this may be done as much as a week in advance of the show)
- Use stripping knife/furminator to thin thick hair on the neck, CAREFULLY use thinning shears if there are pronounced cowlicks (this may also be done a week or more before the show)
- Trim toenails
- Brush/clean teeth
- Clean ears if dirty

Bathe the dog

- Don’t pour shampoo directly on the dog, if it gets down in the pores, it will come back out as dandruff. Pour on a bath scrubbie, add water to foam up and then apply to dog.
- Whitening shampoo is good for all colors of Bull Terriers, use soap-free tearless shampoo for those with sensitive skin.
- Work baby powder or other whitening powder into feet after bathing to help feet stay clean

DAY OF THE SHOW

- Self rinse feet, apply Ducky White or cholesterol, then a white powder
- White dogs with thin coats can be lightly coated with cholesterol cream and then powdered, if you can’t readily see skin spots, don’t bother, especially under non-breeder judges. This should not be so much powder it poofs off in the ring!
- Apply clown white, then a light layer of cholesterol to white areas of head, then apply powder, either with a “puffer” or soft chalk. Blow on dog’s face to remove excess, wipe colored areas with damp towel to clean off chalk.
- If you’re using a coat dressing (Listerine or other) spray on as you leave for the ring to give a final shine.