

Essential Grooming Guide for Your Puppy

An essential grooming guide for **Bernedoodle puppies** begins with early, positive introduction to handling starting around 8 weeks old to build comfort and prevent future stress. Use short daily sessions of gentle brushing with a soft slicker brush or pin brush, focusing on high-tangle areas like behind the ears, under the legs, around the tail, and the belly, while rewarding your pup with treats and praise. Bernedoodles typically have wavy to curly coats that mat easily, so brush at least every other day (or daily for curlier coats) to remove loose fur and prevent knots; follow with a wide-tooth or metal comb for thorough detangling.

Bathe your puppy only as needed—every 4–8 weeks or when dirty—using a gentle, moisturizing dog shampoo and conditioner formulated for sensitive skin, followed by complete towel-drying and brushing to avoid mats from trapped moisture. Trim nails every 2–4 weeks with dog-specific clippers or a grinder, clean ears weekly with a vet-approved solution, and begin light face, paw, and sanitary trims at home or with a professional groomer around 12–16 weeks. Schedule the first full professional grooming session between 4–6 months once vaccinations are complete, and maintain regular professional grooms every 6–8 weeks thereafter. Consistent at-home care combined with professional help will keep your Bernedoodle puppy's coat healthy, comfortable, and looking adorable as they grow.