

HOW TO GROOM A YORKSHIRE TERRIER

Learning how to groom a Yorkshire Terrier is not all that difficult, you just need the proper grooming equipment for the job and a whole lot of patience. Some Yorkies are not as willing to just sit still and allow you to groom them; however, that is true of any dog.

1. Figuring out what type of hairstyle is your first goal. We are not here to tell you how to style a Yorkshire Terrier's hair, though we have some ideas and options for you to decide. When they are puppies, their hair will be short. It could take years for a Yorkshire Terrier to grow its hair out, so allow it to grow and keep the hair very neat and clean as it matures.

There are two main hair styles and one controversial hair style for Yorkshire Terrier dogs.

1.1 One style is to leave the dog's hair long. Remember, that the long hair is a hallmark of the breed's appearance.

1.2 The next hair style is a cut, which basically leaves longer fur on the dog's legs, and head. You pretty much want to shave the Yorkie's body, and leave the rest long.

1.3 This third option is definitely not my favorite, however there are individuals out there who would prefer this low maintenance style.



2. **If you plan to cut the Yorkie's hair, use a dog grooming shaver.** Do not use a human hair shaver on the dog's hair. Dog grooming shavers will not pinch or nip the dog's skin by accident and is specially designed for the job.
3. If the Yorkshire Terrier has long hair, in order to groom it properly you will want to, at all times, make sure the dog's hair is clear of hair balls or knots. These small hair balls and knots could turn into severe matting issues (Dreadlocks), which you cannot get rid of without shaving them off all of the dog's hair.

4. Dog brushes are good to have on hand at all times in order to keep the Yorkie's thinner hair type neatly brushed and kink/knot free. Brush the dogs hair daily to keep it looking its best. At first your Yorkie might resist, however eventually they will grow to love the attention.

5. Yorkies Look Great With Bangs

It can be a big decision to decide whether or not to incorporate bangs into a Yorkie's hairstyle. Yorkies look great with bangs, bangs help keep hair out of a Yorkie's eyes, and bangs are easy to maintain. To make these bangs look fresh again, you simply brush out a small visor-like portion of hair, above a Yorkie's eyes, and cut this portion of hair evenly.



If you look at the photos you will see how cute Yorkies look with them. Cutting bangs can be achieved in less than ten minutes and will give any Yorkie a professionally groomed look.

6. Part of grooming your Yorkie is trimming her foot pads and toenails. While this part is significantly less glamorous, it will keep your dog prancing along in style. Use the scissors to trim the hair around the edge of the foot. You should follow the shape of the foot, the hair should not quite touch the ground if it does, then your Yorkie will have difficulty walking. Trim hair between the foot pads. Yorkies' hair actually grows between their foot pads as well as around the edges of their paws. This hair must be trimmed to avoid tangles and infection. The hair should be at least level with the pads of the feet if not slightly shorter.



Clipping the nails you should hold the paw gently and clip off the very end of the nail with the specially designed nail clippers. You may need help as most dogs hate this. Yorkies have black toenails, so only clip the very ends since you will not be able to tell where exactly the blood stops flowing into the nail. If you cut too far back the nail will bleed and you will need to apply "quick stop" to help it clot immediately.

7. The hair on Yorkshire Terrier's ears will grow very long if its not groomed. Yorkie ears are groomed by shaving the hair on the topside with electric clippers and scissoring hair grown on the edges. The ear is held from the bottom while the hair on the top of the ear gets clipped. Since Yorkshire Terrier ears are very thin, it is safer to scissor the hair on the edges, rather than clipping the hair with electric clippers and remember patience.



8. Grooming a Yorkshire Terrier does not just stop with the dogs hair. You will want to keep the dogs teeth healthy as well. There are dog toothbrushes that you can put on your finger in order to clean the Yorkshire Terriers teeth. Also, providing the dog with chew toys will keep the dogs teeth and gums healthy. Beef flavored toothpaste is also sold nearby, often in a package deal with the dog tooth brush. **Do not use human toothpaste as our toothpaste contains fluoride.**



9. **Always use dog shampoo and conditioners.** Dry washes are also nice to have on hand between baths. Do not use human brand hair products on your dogs hair.

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YORKIE IS A HEALTHY YORKIE.**