



Perfect Pets News



Tips, advice and some fun facts about our best friends!

Springtime and warmer weather is just as delightful for our dogs as it is for all of us, as everything is brimming with life and providing them with new things to sniff, chase, explore—and chew on. So, if you and your dogs have gone stir-crazy from too much time spent indoors over the winter months, this is an excellent time for you both to get back into a regular walking and exercise routine.

One thing to be watchful for, though, is all the discomfort that comes from seasonal allergies. Some dogs are actually bothered by the same environmental allergens that get to us in the spring and autumn. Pollen, grass, ragweed, trees, dust and all the other typical allergens can affect them too. Thankfully, it's only a temporary condition in most cases—lasting a few weeks or so—but it can be enough to make you and your poor dog wonder if relief will ever come.

Some of the symptoms are the same for dogs as they are for us: constant sneezing, and runny eyes and nose. More commonly, however, it involves dry and itchy skin. Dogs will often lick their paws or chew on them, and they'll rub their faces and scratch at themselves when irritated by these allergens.

Severe allergic reactions require medical attention, of course, and it's always a good idea to discuss any health changes with your veterinarian just to be sure that all is well. If you notice any of these symptoms in your dog be sure to mention it when your dog is in for it's next appointment. Sometimes a milder or different shampoo is a better option for their dry or itchy skin.

That's not all that you can do for your dog if they have allergies. Keep the carpets vacuumed to reduce dust and pollen, and consider keeping the dog indoors for most of the day if there's an incredibly high pollen count. Wipe their paws and face off with a damp cloth after they've been outdoors, too. Sometimes an antihistamine or saline solution can be helpful with reducing their symptoms; though this is something you'll have to talk with your vet about to be sure it's the right option for your dog.

Hopefully both you and your dog will stay free from seasonal allergies during this long anticipated change over to spring, and that you both get to enjoy many long walks and beautiful weather this April.

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A Wonderful World of Animals!

! Nettle, a dog belonging to Edward and Ros Tate, is caring for her litter of pups with the help of a hen. According to Ananova.com, Mabel the hen has been roosting on top the pups to keep them warm whenever Nettle is away from them. Mabel watched Nettle's behavior with the pups and soon took over as if they were her own little chicks.

! Dane Andrew's Chinese Crested won the 2010 Ugly Dog contest in California. Rascal was beat in 2009 by a Boxer with an under bite, but he's back in the top spot again!

! An elephant caused over \$300,000 in damage at a Hindi wedding in India. He was on the loose for 15 hours and crushed 20 limos, according to Ananova.com. Turns out, he was trying to reach another elephant that was in heat.

Did You Know?

Dudley nose is a harmless condition in which a dog's nose loses color pigment; it's more common in dogs with a lighter hair color.

The Dachshund is the smallest breed used for hunting and is also one of the oldest dog breeds.

"Lots of exercise for dogs is what we say, so grab their leash and walk them today"

Overcoming Dog Walking Troubles!

Walking is one of the most important activities to share with dogs but, unfortunately, many situations discourage people from doing this regularly. Trying possible solutions for these situations or even a change of perspective can be the key to making it an everyday routine for the benefit of dogs and their owners.

One such issue is a dog's behavior. Even when they're absolute angels in most settings, some dogs will frustrate and embarrass their owners by acting up when out on a leash. It's certainly understandable why a person would want to avoid walking their dog under these circumstances, but it's far from being a hopeless situation. Daily walks reduce a lot of the energy that contributes to this behavior and obedience training can help you keep your dog focused whenever there's a distraction, such as other dogs in the area.

Run them first to get their energy out, and then work on obedience commands, such as "come," "sit," "stay," and "heel." Gently tap their hind leg with your own leg whenever they get distracted during a walk; and remember to stay calm and focused when walking or training them. Daily walks and practice of basic commands can bring remarkable improvement in their behavior and strengthen the bond between you.

Another common issue is that of the owner having no time or energy for dog walking. Consider getting a dog walker if you haven't the time in your schedule, or try to start your day 15 minutes earlier to at least fit in a short walk. Perhaps the best thing about walking them is that it actually gives you more energy but decreases their energy. That little bit of exercise promotes mental clarity, good physical health and energizes you, and it helps dogs relax and stay in good physical shape, too. So consider any issues that stop you from walking your best friend each day, and think about and try out the possible solutions.

Word Scramble

Rearrange the letters to find a dog breed!

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| 1. GPKENIESE | 7. HEEPDOGS |
| 2. KASLUI | 8. LOODPE |
| 3. HIS-UTZ | 9. BIPTLLU |
| 4. GROCI | 10. FLOWDNOUH |
| 5. ZSREAUNHC | 11. SHALA PASO |
| 6. OINPERT | 12. TREAG NADE |

What you can Expect when you Bring your Pet to Pets of Perfection!

Would you like your pet groomed so that she's looking gorgeous and left just the way you want her to look? Do you want her coat smelling delightful so there's no more 'pet' smell in your home? Would you like her coat feeling soft while being just a dream to cuddle? And above all, would you like reassurance that your pet is getting the same gentle care and kindness during grooming that you would give her at home?

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With us, you can be sure that your pet will be groomed to the highest standard. You'll be so pleased with how she looks, you'll be proud to walk her down your street and show her off to your neighbors - just like the many other clients we have.

Your preferences and lifestyle, as well as your pet's character, are always taken into account as we advise you on grooming styles. The health, safety and welfare of your pet are always our priority, so you can have peace of mind knowing that we only offer the best advice to help you choose the right options for your pet.

As a caring pet owner, you'll want your pet to be healthy and happy. Therefore, it'll be reassuring to know that, with us, you'll have someone looking out for potential health issues and changes in your pet - some that may only be noticeable during grooming. Early detection of ailments can make all the difference to your pet, so we make sure to keep a close eye out for physical and behavioral changes during grooming.

Your pet will be well looked after and will always get the 'one on one' attention that she needs. You'll always feel confident that she's in the safest of hands with us; We can assure you of that.

Your pet deserves the best so we only use the best and safest products that will get her coat looking gorgeous but won't ever harm her. Others may choose to use cheaper, inferior products in grooming but that's something we simply will not compromise on.

With us, you'll also have someone to turn to if you have issues or worries about your pet. Advice and help is a free extra service we're more than happy to provide. You can call us if you ever have any problems or just need to chat about your little friend.

So if you're looking for a groomer who will leave your pet looking fantastic then give us a call. You'll be over the moon when you see what we can do for you and your little furry friend.

Doggie Humor!

A woman takes her Saint Bernard to the veterinarian and says, "My dog's eyes are crossed; what's the matter with them?" The vet picks her up, takes a look at her eyes and says, "I'll have to put her down." The woman gets very upset and says, "You have to put her down because of crossed eyes!?" The vet says, "No, because she's really heavy."

A Look at the Labrador Retriever!



The Labrador retriever is a popular family pet—and for good reason! Their friendly and playful nature tends to amuse and charm people, and a well-trained Labrador is an easygoing gentle giant. Although they can be quite stubborn—especially in their younger years—they're highly intelligent and responsive to solid leadership.

Labs originally helped fishermen in Newfoundland, and then they became hunting companions, search and rescue workers, seeing-eye dogs, and narcotics detectors.

This is an incredibly active breed, and so they require a lot of exercise to be their best and to remain focused on the mission at hand. Play a game of fetch with them to get them running and retrieving; it'll likely become one of their favorite activities! Try out a tracking activity, too, and take them for a long swim whenever you can. What's important is that they get ample opportunity to expend their energy and put their athletic skills to use.

Labs are typically low maintenance concerning their grooming needs, though they can shed an awful lot when the seasons change. Once monthly grooming is generally good for this breed, as is daily brushing.

Watch for Fleas!

It's getting to be that time of year again when fleas and ticks start to double—and triple—in number. A preventive treatment, such as spot-on repellent, can save you and your dog from a lot of irritation, and it's always good to be on the lookout for signs of fleas and ticks. Prevention and early treatment of any problems reduces the chance of full-blown infestations and other flea- and tick-related concerns and illnesses.

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Cleaning up the Dog at Home

Dogs can get into huge messes between grooming appointments—or even directly after one! When you're unable to schedule them in right away for grooming but have to clean them up, be sure to use a safe shampoo and dry them off well. Some of the human-grade shampoos and conditioners are much too harsh for a dog's skin and fur, so avoid using those whenever possible. And know that just because a shampoo is marketed for dogs doesn't necessarily mean it's any better for their skin, as some of them contain harsh chemicals as well.

Dry them off as much as possible with a towel to lower the chance of hair matting, and if you use your hair dryer on them, keep it at a good distance from them so they don't get too much heat on their hair or skin. It's generally unsafe to do any hair trimming without proper tools and grooming experience so, even if you must clean them up, it's always best to leave any sort of hair cutting to the groomers!

A little about Kathy Rose – owner of Pets of Perfection.

Kathy Rose, a salon owner since 1983, gained recognition in the Pet industry as a top winning groomer in the United States and abroad.

Kathy has won numerous world and National championships and represented the United States in world competition six years running as a member and coordinator of GroomTeam USA.

Kathy's philanthropic endeavors to educate groomers and improve the pet grooming industry are many. She won the prestigious Cardinal Crystal Grooming Achievement Award (the grooming industry's equivalent of the Academy Awards) for outstanding service to the pet industry, as determined by international balloting.

Kathy is a sought after speaker and grooming judge demonstrating her expertise across the globe, including most major pet industry trade shows throughout the US, as well as, Canada, Portugal, France, Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands.

Kathy demonstrated her expert styling skills in several episodes of "Mutt Makeovers" for the Animal Planet TV series "Petsburg USA".

Kathy's Salon, Pets of Perfection in Boynton Beach, Florida, was featured on the 2005 Groomer to Groomer Buyers Guide and has been pampering pets in Palm Beach County for almost three decades.



**Kathy pictured here
with her dog Taylor
who is the official
Pets of Perfection
"meeter and**

When Dogs Meet Skunks!

When dogs and skunks cross paths, the dog usually walks away carrying an unbearable stench that just won't wear off. We can't stop a dog's curiosity, nor can we always protect them from the defensiveness of a startled skunk. But it's good to be prepared for such an event, especially with more skunks roaming around this time of year.

Dogs sometimes need veterinary attention after a scuffle with a skunk, especially if the skunk sprayed the dog in the eyes. A rabies booster may be necessary as well. Aside from that, though, the biggest dilemma a dog owner faces is usually that of the eye-watering odor that gets stuck in their fur.

Should your dog get sprayed and walk away without any serious injuries, the first thing you'll want to do is rid of the smell as much as possible. The scent can linger in your home if the dog jumps onto any furniture or if the skunk sprayed on your property.

Discuss bathing options with your groomer. Specially formulated skunk shampoos can greatly reduce the scent, as can a few other formulations. The tomato juice remedy is ineffective; your nose simply gets used to the scent. But a mixture of baking soda, hydrogen peroxide and a dab of dish detergent can help in an emergency and get the scent off objects too.

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1. Pekingese
2. Saluki
3. Shi-Tzu
4. Corgi
5. Schnauzer
6. Pointer
7. Sheepdog
8. Poodle
9. Pitbull
10. Wolfhound
11. Lhasa Apso
12. Great Dane

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