


Seasonal Grooming Calendar for South African Pets

Proper grooming throughout the year keeps your pet healthy, comfortable, and looking great. Use this seasonal calendar tailored for South African climates and pets.



- **Shedding Management:** Increase brushing frequency to help manage heavy shedding. Use de-shedding tools if suitable.
- **Allergy Care:** Watch for signs of seasonal allergies; bathe to remove pollen and allergens from fur.
- **Ear & Eye Checks:** Clean ears and wipe eyes regularly due to pollen and dust.
- **Parasite Prevention:** Reapply flea, tick, and worm treatments as outdoor time increases.

SPRING



- **Skin & Coat:** Regular brushing to manage shedding and prevent matting. Use light grooming products as skin can be sensitive to heat.
- **Bathing:** Bathe pets every 3-4 weeks to remove dirt, sweat, and allergens. Use gentle, cooling shampoos.
- **Paw Care:** Check paws frequently for burns or cuts from hot pavements. Apply paw balm as needed.
- **Ear Cleaning:** Keep ears dry and clean to prevent infections from increased swimming and humidity.

SUMMER



- **Coat Prep:** Start transitioning to thicker coats by gradually reducing shaving or trimming. Continue regular brushing.
- **Bathing:** Less frequent bathing needed; focus on deep cleaning every 4-6 weeks.
- **Nail Trimming:** Trim nails regularly as exercise increases with milder weather.
- **Parasite Control:** Maintain flea and tick prevention as outdoor activity remains high.

AUTUMN



- **Coat Protection:** Avoid excessive shaving; maintain natural insulation by keeping the coat longer.
- **Brushing:** Brush 2-3 times weekly to prevent mats and promote circulation.
- **Moisturizing:** Use pet-safe moisturizers for dry skin and paw pads caused by cold, dry air indoors.
- **Bathing:** Bathe once every 6-8 weeks unless messy; dry pets thoroughly to prevent chills.

WINTER



GROOMING TIPS FOR SOUTH AFRICAN PET PARENTS

- Use grooming tools suitable for your pet's coat type and breed.
- Schedule regular vet checks to catch skin or ear conditions early.
- Adjust grooming frequency based on your pet's lifestyle, activity level, and health.
- Stay hydrated and provide shade during hot months to reduce heat stress.