

Canine Bathing Shampoo Guide - What Dog Owners Need To Know

Did anyone ever tell you how to choose a good shampoo and conditioner that's right for your dog? For a start, never try to use human shampoo and conditioner on your dog as it can irritate your dog's skin and possibly cause an allergic reaction. You must buy shampoo and conditioner that is specially formulated for dogs.

Dog shampoo is designed to cleanse away dirt and excess oils, just like human shampoo does. The main difference between the two is that dog shampoo has a lower pH level that is more suitable for canines' skin; they also include a non-tearing formula to prevent eye irritation, in case a little shampoo suds get into your dog's eyes during scrubbing.

A good dog shampoo formula should also produce fewer suds for quicker rinsing. They should also preferably have deodorizing effect as well as leave your dog's coat shiny. If you're just looking for a cleaner dog, a standard dog shampoo will get you what you need. Dog shampoos are also formulated for different skin type namely normal, dry and oily skin. Seeking your veterinary advice, you can choose the shampoo that will work best on your dog's coat.

You can also select a dog shampoo for more specific needs. If your dog seems to be feeling itchy, scratching all the time and his coat looks patchy and rough; you may need to look for a dog shampoo and conditioner for skin disorder condition. Dog shampoo for a less serious problem is available at most pet supply stores and can easily help irritated skin as well as maintain a clean shiny coat. Medicated dog shampoo is also available by prescription if the condition is severe.

If your dog does develop a skin irritation or experiences an allergic reaction, the source, or the allergen, can be anything, but it could be the chemicals used in dog products. If this is the case, you can consider using organic dog shampoo and conditioner.

When looking for dog shampoo and conditioners, look for a product that is easy to use, lathers well, rinses well, is tearless and leaves your dog with a shiny coat. Good dog shampoos have ingredients that hold moisture to the skin and are often natural.

If you find anything wrong with your dog skin upon using a new shampoo, you should stop using it as fast as possible. Lastly, be sure to look at the ingredients label of your dog shampoo and check for anything that might irritate your dog. Take note that heavy scents that human love may irritate your dog's skin. Just understand that what's good for us might not be good for them.

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