



PREVENTING MATTING BETWEEN GROOMS

A practical guide to keeping your dog comfortable and their coat easier to manage.

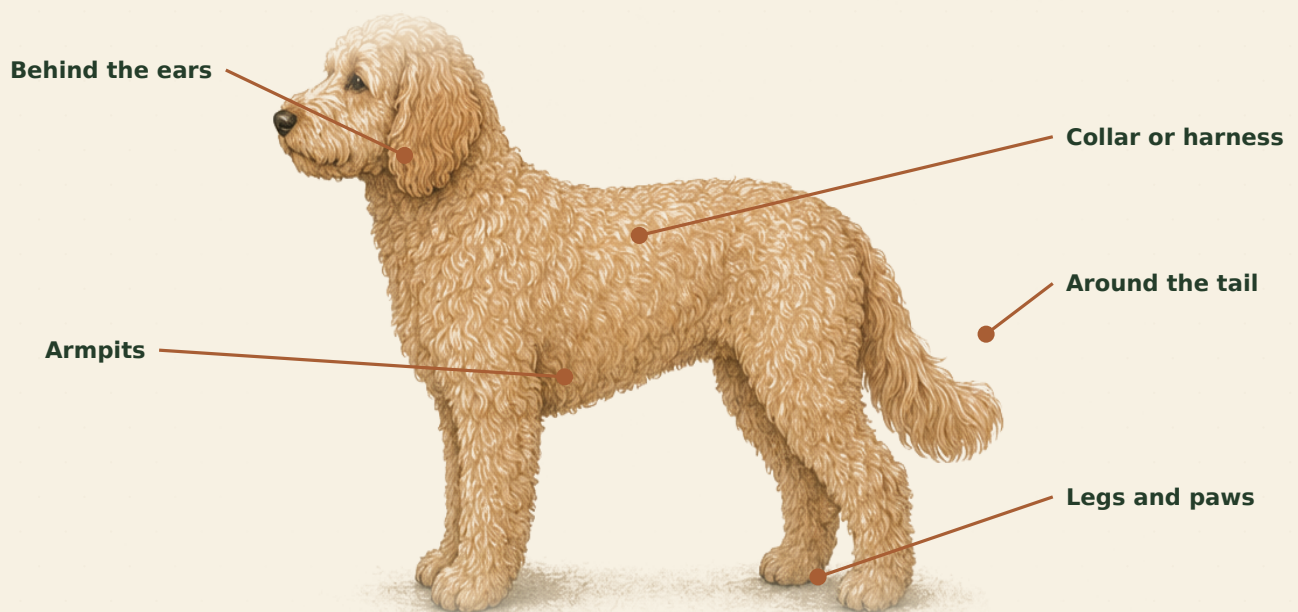
Little and often beats one big session.

A SHORT GUIDE FROM COSY COAT STUDIO

Calm one-to-one grooming in a quieter space

Why matting happens

Mats form when loose or dead fur becomes tangled instead of falling away. Friction, moisture and movement make some areas particularly vulnerable.



Why it matters

Matting can pull painfully on the skin and hide irritation or sore areas underneath. Once a coat is tightly matted, clipping it shorter may be the safest and kindest option.

CHECK THE FRICTION SPOTS REGULARLY

They can mat even when the rest of the coat still looks tidy.

The right tools for the coat

The best brush depends on your dog's coat. If you are unsure, ask before buying. Used incorrectly, any grooming tool can cause discomfort or coat damage.



Grooming mitt



Slicker brush



Metal comb



Undercoat rake

Short and smooth

Labrador, Beagle

Grooming mitt or rubber curry brush

Double coat

German Shepherd, Husky

Slicker plus a suitable undercoat tool

Long or silky

Cocker Spaniel, Shih Tzu

Slicker followed by a metal comb

Curly or wool

Poodle and many doodle coats

Frequent slicker brushing and comb checking

Wire coat

Schnauzer and many terriers

Comb the beard, legs and furnishings carefully

These are general starting points. Coat condition, length and grooming style all affect what is suitable.

Brush, check and know when to stop

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Brush in small sections

Work gently and make sure you are reaching through the coat, not simply smoothing the surface.

2

Check with a metal comb

After brushing, the comb should glide from the skin to the ends without snagging.

3

Stop if the mat will not move

Do not keep pulling at a stubborn mat. Sensitive or tight matting should be handled professionally.

Habits that genuinely help

- Dry the coat thoroughly after bathing, swimming or getting soaked.
- Check behind the ears, under collars and harnesses, the armpits, paws and tail.
- Choose short, calm brushing sessions instead of waiting for one difficult session.

NEVER CUT A MAT OUT WITH SCISSORS

Skin can be pulled up tightly inside a mat, making accidental cuts frighteningly easy. If in doubt, stop and ask a professional.

A routine that suits your dog

Regular professional grooming, alongside the right care at home, is the best way to stay ahead of matting. Andrea can help you choose suitable tools and a grooming schedule for your dog.

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