

## GROOMING THE CHINESE CRESTED

### ***Powder Puff***

The Powder puffs have a soft, fine double coat that requires full brushing daily to avoid matting. Although a Puff's coat does not continuously grow like that of some other breeds, it can be quite long at full length and you may choose to keep your puff in a puppy clip. This low maintenance option keeps the body hair and facial hair short, leaving the crest, feathers and tail plume at full length. When keeping the coat long you will need to bath your puff weekly with a good shampoo and condition the coat. Always use a conditioning spray when brushing a dry coat.

1. BATHING: I recommend using a good quality shampoo and conditioner. Puff's should be bathed weekly or when needed.
2. BRUSHING: You will have to brush your Puff regularly to avoid getting mats in the coat.
3. DRYING: I recommend using a dryer on low heat, especially in the winter months. Be very careful not to burn your dog if you are using a human dryer. Animal dryers are available.
4. TRIMMING: Your Crested should have their face and pads of the feet shaved for neatness. Faces are a preference and can be left to grow.
5. EARS: Shaved ears are a personal preference and can be shaved or left to grow long. Always make a quick check of the ears. You're looking for dirt or wax, any signs of infection or problem, and hair blocking the ear canal. To clean your dog's ears, you need a cotton ball or cotton swab, scissors or tweezers. Just remove any excess hair. Dab the cleaning solution on the and gently wipe out the inside of the ear. Don't stick the cotton swab down the ear canal because you can puncture the ear drum. If you notice signs of infection, redness, swelling, sensitivity to touch, or a foul odor you should take your dog to the vet immediately.
6. NAILS: Clipping nail should be done regularly. I try to do them weekly. The key to trimming nails is to not cut the quick. I find a Dremmel works the best. If you clip nails frequently, the quick retracts out of the way. If you do clip the quick, you can use a styptic stick or a product called "Cut 2 Close". I find the best time to clip or Dremmel the nails is right after a bath when the nail is softer and easier to cut.
7. TEETH: Checking and cleaning teeth. You brush your dog's teeth for the same reason that you brush your own: to prevent gum disease and infection, get rid of plaque, avoid bad breath, and brighten your smile. Of course, dogs don't smile, but you can bet that a healthy mouth makes for a happier dog. Although dogs don't get cavities, they do suffer from gum disease, which, if left untreated, can become very painful and lead to tooth loss.

### ***Hairless***

The hairless will benefit from regular grooming. The hairless' skin is similar to ours and proper skin care should be used to keep the skin and pores free from oil buildup. Just like us, the hairless have different skin types, from normal to dry and normal to oily.

1. BATHING: Bathe your crested regularly, use a good dog shampoo and conditioner. I do not recommend using people shampoo's as they are not the correct PH balance.
2. SUNSCREEN: Use sunscreen sparingly. Excess sunscreen can block the pores, and lead to acne. I recommend bathing your crested after a day of sunscreen has been applied.
3. MOISTURIZING: Use a light moisturizer only when necessary. As sunscreen will block pores, so will moisturizers, use only as needed and look for moisturizers designed for babies. Babies (like dogs) put any body part they can reach in their mouths.
4. Crested's will often develop acne and blackheads, especially during their "teenage" years. Just like teenagers you need to take care of it. I find using Noxzema Cream often does help.
5. IRRITATIONS: If your dog develops a skin irritation that doesn't respond to treatments I have suggested I would discuss the issue with your veterinarian. There could be an underlying cause, from a food allergy, an infection, or sensitivity to surroundings (grass, pollen, or even your laundry detergent!). Any dog can develop these issues, but they are more readily visible on a hairless dog.
6. TRIMMING: Your Crested should have their face and pads of the feet shaved for neatness. The body hair should also be shaved, but you will leave the mane and feet

furnishing.

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Products I recommend for grooming your Chinese Crested

1. Bark 2 Basics One Step Silky Shampoo
2. Crown Royal Condition Plus or #1 All Systems Botanical Conditioner
3. Crown Royale Magic Touch Grooming Spray
4. Coat Handler Skin works for the shaved areas
5. Madan Pin Brush or similar style
6. Greyhound Style Comb
7. Millers Forge Soft Slicker Brush
8. PUPtastic Ear Fix
9. Millers Forge Red Handle Nail Clippers or a Dremmel Grinder
10. Wahl Cordless Clipper and Wahl Touch up Trimmer (for face, ears and pads of the feet)
11. Mild Shaving Cream and a mans shaver for the body
12. Small pair of shears 5" to 8" Long

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