



## Caring for their hair

Your puppy while with us at KooeeKeis was groomed and desensitising was started to various grooming tools, ie: soft bristle brush, combs, face wipes, nail clippers and electric clippers and ear cleaning, and it is important to continue this routine from Day 1 at home.

An Australian Cobberdogs coat will change from a puppy coat to an adult coat. It's a very gradual change and as is typical of Australian Cobberdogs, you should see little or no shedding during this phase. Puppy's adult coat should be through by 9 months of age.

Once the puppy coat is gone, your Australian Cobberdog will need some maintenance to keep them looking good and free of mats.

However, even before the pups coat needs brushing, you should begin brushing a puppy at about 3 or 4 months of age to help them become accustomed to brushing and being touched in sensitive places like paws and their back-end area.

As your dog matures, the coat should be combed once a week, they should be bathed periodically as needed, and have their hair trimmed every 3 to 4 months to maintain their Australian Cobberdogs "look." The timing of cuts is up to your discretion, depending on the longer or shorter look you desire.



There are three types of coats accepted for the Australian Cobberdogs. In general terms, its hair is soft and silky. It should not produce an odour or be spongy. Dirt should just 'falloff'.

**Fleece Coat:** Appears silky and gently wavy. The fibres are like the Angora goat; silky, fine and light to touch, reflect light and with a soft sheen. The coat fibres gather and hang in soft clusters called staples.

**Wool:** is a bit coarser because the fibres are thicker and denser with the curls tightly packed. The spiral wool coat hangs in long loose spirals and looks beautiful.

**Smooth:** This coat is a combination of hair and fleece; the fibres are soft, silky and smooth. The smooth coat Cobberdogs looks different around the face; because it has *no facial 'furnishings'*, the face is smooth and seems longer.

