



Grooming Your Griffons

Part 2-Grooming the Tail and Bottom

The tail and bottom needs to be kept trimmed for health and hygiene. Excess hair, especially around the anus can get 'poo' on it and in extreme cases, can lead to blocking the dog up completely, preventing it from eliminating. Keeping this area trimmed and short will keep the dog more comfortable and cleaner and more hygienic and much nicer to cuddle.

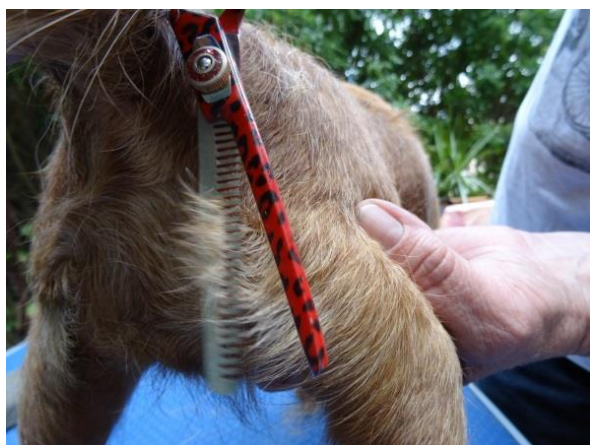
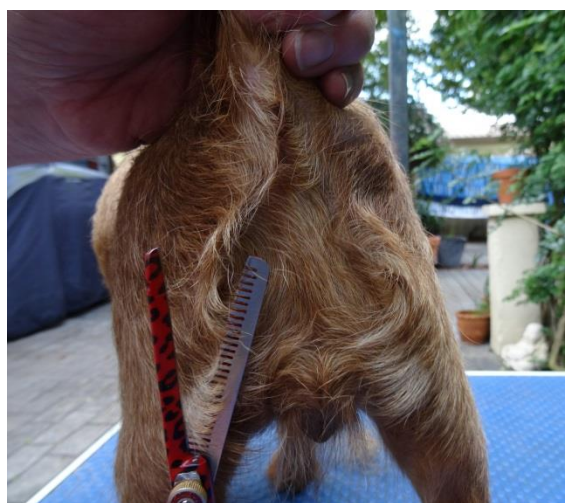
To trim the dog you will need a pair of thinning scissors with the teeth on one side only. The teeth should be very fine teeth- the finer the better



1. Stand the dog on a table and hold the tail up so you can see the length of the hair easily.

2. Using the thinning scissors trim the hair in the direction of the growth. You can trim either up or down with the growth but do not cut across it or you will get gaps. You will see a ridge of hair where it changes direction like a cowlick.

Going up into a circle shape growth of hair. This is called the rosette.



3. Continue trim this area, down the back of the thighs. When trimming entire males, ensure that you do not accidentally pinch the testicles. Take equal care with females as the area can be accidentally pinched.

4. Continue to trim up to the base of the tail and around the anus so that there is no excess hair at all. Hold the tail up as you do this





5. Continue to trim up the underside of the tail. Make sure you are still trimming in the direction of the hair growth. It is better to trim upwards in a direction towards the tip of the tail.

As you get closer to the tip of the tail put your fingers right on the tip of the tail so that you do not accidentally pinch the tail with the scissors. Don't try to trim all the hair with a single cut. Instead gradually scissor a little bit at a time so you are blending as you cut



6. Ensure that the hair at the base of the tail is level and the same on each side



7. The end result- a neat and tidy rear that stays clean and tidy.



Dwight feels as if he is being groomed by an octopus.

