



## ***Grooming Tips for the pet Lagotto Romagnolo***

### ***The Ears***

The ears of the Lagotto should appear triangular. To achieve this the groomer should trim the hair so that it is to the leather of the ear and short over the entire ear with no long hair hanging, this is a Cocker spaniel or Poodle cut.

### ***The Head***

To achieve the circular appearance of a Lagotto head, lift the ear flap up and just trim the hair immediately under the flap, this allows the ear to sit close to the head. The stop of the Lagotto should be trimmed **not shaved**. Just a tidying trim.

Trimming the top of the head should be just that a trim not all the way to the skull there should be a longer amount of hair at the topmost point. Trimming around the eyes to clear the view is fine and a light shave under the eyes to free up the accumulation of tear and dirt is advised. Please be aware of the eyelashes, do not shave them short they are there to keep any long hair and dirt out of the eye.

### ***The Tail***

The tail of the Lagotto should not be feathered but rather look like a cylindrical cone. Take the very tip of the tail off to close to the end, and comb the tail hair so it is full then trim so you have an even and conical shape, like that of a carrot

## ***The Legs***

The legs of the Lagotto are about the only thing that is similar to the poodle. A lamb cut is acceptable on the legs of the lagotto.

## ***The Body***

The coat requires a good shave at least once a year, if the coat is not cared for well or the dog is extremely active and becomes excessively matted then a shave is recommended.

The trim of the body hair should define the shape of the Lagotto. The length is again a personal preference, but the curl should **NOT** be brushed out. It is important to note that brushing of the lagotto coat creates severe matting (minor matting works its way out of the coat) so consider a good comb out after washing and while conditioner is still in, rinse well and then allow the coat to dry either with a shammy or the sun and then trim. These guys are neither poodles nor bichons and therefore their coats are treated differently, and should appear rustic, with the curl being its defining feature.

## ***For the groomers***

Please consider the fact that the Lagotto is not a labradoodle or golden retriever and that our owners purchase them with the expectation that they will appear the way the parents do after grooming. Therefore we have created this document at the request of our pet owners, with the intent of informing not offending. If you wish to discuss anything regarding the grooming and care of the Lagotto coat please feel free to contact us.