



## Which grooming brush do I use?

- ***Bristle brushes:*** are used on short-haired, smooth-coated dogs that shed frequently. Their clusters of tightly-packed natural bristles will remove loose hair and stimulate the skin. Bristle brushes can be used on breeds such as Pugs, Italian Greyhounds, Jack Russell Terriers, and Boston Terriers.
- ***Wire-pin brushes:*** look similar to brushes commonly used by people. They are usually oval-shaped, with a loosely-arranged set of flexible wires with pins on top. Pin brushes are the most commonly used type of brush, but often the least useful. They will pick up loose hair before it is shed onto your furniture, or finish and fluff a well-brushed coat, but provide little benefit to your pet. They are best used to finish off the grooming process.
- ***Slicker brushes:*** have fine, short wires close together on a flat surface. They are used on medium-to-long-haired or curly-haired dogs to remove mats. Slicker brushes are used on many dog breeds, including Golden Retrievers, Yorkshire Terriers, Cocker Spaniels, and St. Bernards. Longer-haired dogs are more likely to develop mats which will need to be removed.
- ***Rakes/de-shedders:*** designed to penetrate into a dog's thick coat and remove tangles and dead undercoat near the dog's skin. They are often shaped like a shaving razor and feature one or two rows of tightly-spaced pins. Like a razor, they are intended to be used with minimal pressure. Rakes should be used on thick-haired dogs including German Shepherds, Malamutes, and Chow Chows. These breeds tend to develop dead undercoats, especially during shedding season, and their thick coats also tend to trap debris. When looking for a rake, be sure to find one with pins that roughly match your dog's hair length. Rakes that are too short will miss the inner layer of undercoat, while rakes that are too long could irritate the skin.  
A shedding rake helps reduce topcoat and the undercoat on many dogs and cats breeds. Coat shedding can trigger allergies for people intolerance to pet hair. Regular combing with this de-shedder will greatly reduce loose or dead hair from the coat and makes your pet more comfortable, especially on those hot days.
- ***Grooming Mitts:*** used to remove loose hair from your dog's coat. The patented rubber bristles trap hair and debris when rubbed over your their coat. Ideal to massage in shampoo when washing your dog. Great for short hair breeds, you can brush both ways to mimic patting.