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That winter weather has well and truly set in!! Heres a few winter grooming tips to consider:

There's a common misconception that dogs don't need to be groomed, or only groomed minimally, over the colder months to keep coats long and keep them warm during winter; but this is simply not true. In fact, grooming over the winter months becomes even more important to the health of your dog. If left without grooming attention your dog can become susceptible to matted fur and skin infections; not to mention the distress this puts on your dogs overall wellbeing.

>Bathing your dog regularly is one of the most important things you can do for your dog in winter, as a clean dog is a happy & healthy dog. Even though they're covered with a layer of fur, our dogs also feel the drying effects of winter(dry skin from cold air & interior heating etc.), so it's even more important to keep them clean and brushed out.

> If washing your dog at home be sure to dry them thoroughly after their bath & brush out their coat completely; as damp/wet fur - particularly if long- can quickly turn to matted fur! Brush or comb as per normal, working from their skin outwards to the tips of their coat, removing any tangles or mats as you go. Typically, most professional groomers prefer a quality slicker brush for grooming, with a second pass using a metal/steel comb, If you need a moisturizer or grooming aid conditioning coat spray may be useful.

> Does your dog wear a jumper or harness? These can be a long coated dogs worst enemy especially in winter; pay special attention to grooming (particularly around the shoulders/chest/underarms) after removing these items as prolonged wear causes rubbing which quickly leads to knots and matting.

> Don't forget those paws! Aim to keep their paws trimmed short to avoid the chance of mud getting stuck & causing discomfort. After long walks through wet grass and mud it's also a good idea to dry your dogs feet with a clean dry towel to reduce any possible irritation. Keep a close eye on the length of your dogs nails too; exercise helps to naturally keep their nails in check, so if your unable to go for regular walks due to wet weather, their nails may need more regular trimming. Its important to maintain a consistent and regular grooming routine even through winter and help keep your dog looking and feeling their best!



Fur Fact: A dogs sense of smell is between 1000 and 100,000 times more sensitive than that of humans, depending on the breed!!



Spotlight on Breeds: **Newfoundland**

 History: although Developed in Newfoundland, Canada, the specific ancestors of the breed remain unknown; however most believe it is related to the Pyrenees mountain dogs. Newfies as they're affectionately nicknamed were developed as a 'ship dog'/general working dog and became popular with English sailors in the 18th century. The breed is so renowned for its water rescues and abilities, that two newfies were required part of the 'equipment' on lifeguard stations. The ship dogs were used to tow lines and nets for water rescues or even small boats to land.

 Personality Traits: Gentle giants, docile and trusting.

 Best suited for: Families; the Newfoundland is excellent with children and has earned a reputation as a patient and watchful nanny! Owning giant breeds comes with challenges that should also be taken into consideration; financial ability is needed to meet their needs.

 Distinctive feature: Majestic bear like head with soulful soft eyes, and of course their giant size.

 Fun Fact: In 1919 one heroic Newfoundland pulled a lifeboat containing 20 shipwrecked people to safety!



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