

Grooming

Bathing: Australian Labradoodles do not require frequent bathing. Every 1 or 2 months depending on your family's lifestyle. If they get muddy they should be allowed to dry and then brushed to remove debris in their coats.

Brushing: The amount of brushing is dependant upon life style and length and type of coat. If your labradoodle is mostly indoors you may only need to brush every couple of weeks. If your labradoodle spends a lot of time outdoors you may need to brush out weekly. A slicker brush works best.

Brush from the skin to the tip of the fur in small sections, working from under the coat. Work from the feet up to the body and the tail to the head. Brush in the direction of the hair, but add small amounts of coat to each stroke. At approximately 8 to 14 months old a puppy coat needs very regular brushing to strip out the puppy coat so it doesn't tangle and get matted in the adult coat.

Eyes: Bath the eyes with clear water when needed to clean, and clip away bothersome hair.

Ears: Clean ears once every 2-4 weeks with an ear cleaner. You can buy this at any pet supply store, or your vet, or make your own from recipes on the internet. Fill ear canal and gently massage to bring dirt to the surface. Let the dog shake it's head to shake out excess liquid and debris. Use a cotton ball to wipe out cleaner and dirt. You can also use ear powder to keep ears dry in between cleanings and to pluck hair from inside ear canal. Clip hair from base of the ear. You may need to clip hair from underside of earflap too.

Nails: Trim every 4-6 weeks depending on type and location of exercise.

Sanitary areas: The hair under the tail and the belly should be shaved to prevent matts and keep clean.