

How to CONTROL PET HAIR in your home

Are you tired of clumps of pet hair constantly being stuck to your clothes and furniture?

While you can't stop your pets from shedding hair, you can help minimise it with a few easy steps.

MINIMISE SHEDDING ON YOUR PET

GO FOR A CHECK UP

Shedding is normal, but if your pet is shedding excessively, it's best to check it's not a symptom of:



Brush regularly



Not only will regular brushing cut down on the hair that's left around your house, it'll also help keep your pet's coat cleaner and softer.

Your vet or groomer will be able to recommend the right type of brush that'll work best for your pet's hair type.

Provide a quality diet



A pet's coat will often reflect what they eat. Make sure you're feeding your pet good sources of digestible protein.

Try adding a tablespoon of olive oil to your pet's food. It contains omega-3 fatty acids, which are beneficial to their skin and coats – though it's always best to consult your vet if this is appropriate.

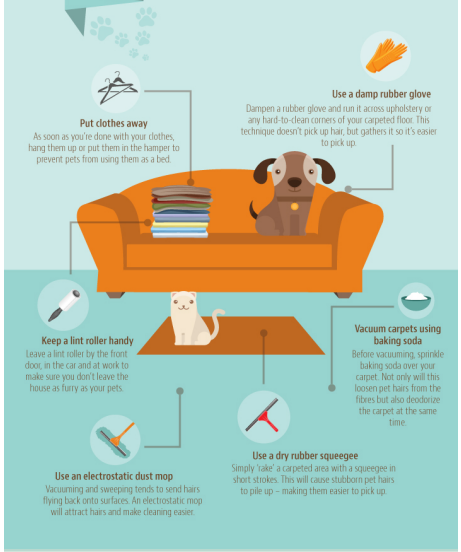
Bathe regularly



A clean pet will have a healthier coat. Use a gentle oatmeal shampoo to clean your pets without drying out their skin.

Avoid using heat to dry your pet, as it'll increase the chances of shedding.

MINIMISE SHEDDING AROUND YOUR HOME



Put clothes away
As soon as you're done with your clothes, hang them up or put them in the hamper to prevent pets from using them as a bed.

Use a damp rubber glove
Dampen a rubber glove and run it across upholstery or any hard-to-clean corners of your carpeted floor. This technique doesn't pick up hair, but gathers it so it's easier to pick up.

Keep a lint roller handy
Leave a lint roller by the front door, in the car and at work to make sure you don't leave the house as furry as your pets.

Vacuum carpets using baking soda
Before vacuuming, sprinkle baking soda over your carpet. Not only will this loosen pet hairs from the fibres but also deodorise the carpet at the same time.

Use an electrostatic dust mop
Vacuuming and sweeping tends to send hairs flying back onto surfaces. An electrostatic mop will attract hairs and make cleaning easier.

Use a dry rubber squeegee
Simply 'rake' a carpeted area with a squeegee in short strokes. This will cause stubborn pet hairs to pile up – making them easier to pick up.

As a pet owner, it's easier to make peace with a bit of pet hair. Cleaning a furry home is a small price to pay for all the ways your pet enriches your life.

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