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BUSTERS**



*We Take the Crap,
So You Don't Have To!*



Pooper Monthly

Dog Grooming and Hair Care

With spring around the corner we all know what comes next...a new season of our family friend shedding their hair all over our homes! It get's on our clothes, in our food and never seems to go away no matter how many times you clean and vacuum the house.

So what can we do to help prevent so much hair?

First let's look at what our dog hair system consists of. Most dogs models have three kinds of hair. An outercoat, an undercoat and the whiskers. The undercoat, also called the secondary coat is made of dense, soft fur. It provides both insulation and support for the outercoat. The outercoat is composed of long, stiff guard hairs that protect the undercoat. The last type, tactile hair, includes the whiskers and other stiff facial hairs that provide sensory information about the outside world.

The heaviest shedders are dogs with well-developed double coats—a layer of

long, coarse hair over short, dense hair.

Dogs that lack double coats, or that live inside, may shed all year long instead of seasonally. Other models, including poodles and many terriers, do not shed at all.

Now having said all this, the main thing you can do to prevent seasonal or year-long shedding is, yes, regularly brushing your dog's coat. It is advisable, if possible, to begin brushing a puppy at an early age. It will become used to, and may even enjoy, the process. Almost all dogs should be brushed thoroughly every day to remove dirt and loose hair, to prevent tangles and matting, and to disperse natural oils throughout the coat.

I found the best type of brush or comb to use is these new tiny teeth brushes. I picked one up from Pet Planet called the "Furminator". It really works wonders, even on our cats!

So remember, the best thing to prevent shedding during any time of the year is brush and comb your dog regularly!

Who is Big Nate Anyway?

Many of you may have noticed in the past few months the name "Big Nate" pop up now and again.

We all know Roland, owner of Pooh Busters and Canine Correction. We also now know his new partner, Erin.

But who is Big Nate?

Well Nate is me. Allow me to introduce myself. I am Pooh Busters' webmaster and newslet-

ter writer extraordinaire. I have been working in the background since Pooh Busters came into being some three years ago.

I believe strongly in the pet community and love the work that Roland and Erin are doing for all pet owners in Calgary. I own a dog and two cats myself and know what it means to own pets. I truly believe in responsi-

ble ownership and taking good care of our family members.

I sincerely hope you enjoy our newsletters each month (I tend to get on a soapbox now and then due to my passion for good pet care) and the work I do on the Pooh Busters website. I'd love to hear any suggestions or ideas you may have.

Cheers till next month!

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Did you know:

- ☺ ...the dog with the largest ears in the world is a Basset hound named Mr. Jefferies? His ears are 11.5 inches long and are insured for \$47,800!
- ☺ ...the Basenji dog is the only breed of dog in the world that is unable to bark?
- ☺ ...that Greyhound dogs can reach speeds of up to 67 km/hour?
- ☺ ...dogs can be trained to detect when a person is about experience and epileptic seizure?

Pooper of the Month

Pooh Busters is proud to present **Jack** as March's Pooper of the Month!



Get your dog featured as Pooper of the Month in 2009!

Email your dog's pictures and bios to Big Nate at BigNate@PoohBusters.com