

## Tips for Bath Time

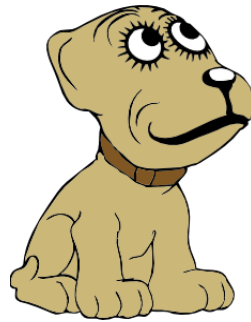
- 🐾 Have all of your materials handy next to the tub before you start.
- 🐾 Brush or trim out any tangles and matts before you start, they will be impossible to clean and rinse properly, and will take forever to dry.
- 🐾 Put a towel or non-slip matt in the bottom of the tub, most pets don't like slipping and sliding around.
- 🐾 Use warm water. Too hot or too cold can be very uncomfortable for your pet.
- 🐾 Moisture in your pet's ears can lead to ear infections. A quick rinse with ear cleaner is always a great idea after your pet gets a bath.
- 🐾 Keep your pet indoors until completely dry, they will stay looking and smelling clean much longer.
- 🐾 If your pet doesn't appreciate baths, it may take more than one person until they get used to it. One person to hold the pet still and distract them with praise, treats and attention while the other person scrubs.



## Have questions?

The staff at Chester Valley would love to talk with you about your pet's health.

Including:



- Skin and coat care
- Allergies and itching
- Shampoos and other products for your pet

As well as any other questions you may have.



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## BATH TIME!



# Keeping your pet's coat and skin clean and healthy is important for their health and comfort.

(Plus, a clean pet is much more fun to snuggle with)



If your pet has a skin issue such as hair loss, itching, sores or flaking that won't go away or keeps coming back, it is likely that they have an underlying medical issue that needs to be addressed. Schedule a visit with your veterinarian.

## Medicated Soaks

When pets are having skin troubles, your veterinarian may prescribe a special medicated shampoo. In most cases, these should be used as a medicated soak, rather than a normal shampoo.

## How to do a medicated soak

Give your pet a quick wash with regular shampoo first to remove dirt, oil etc. Rinse well.

Massage the medicated shampoo into your pet's skin. Pay particular attention to the areas where your pet's skin is the worst.

Set a timer for the length of soak recommended (often 10-15 minutes)

### **While you wait for the timer, continue to massage the medicated soak in.**

This will help work it deep into your pet's skin and hair follicles, where it will be much more effective.

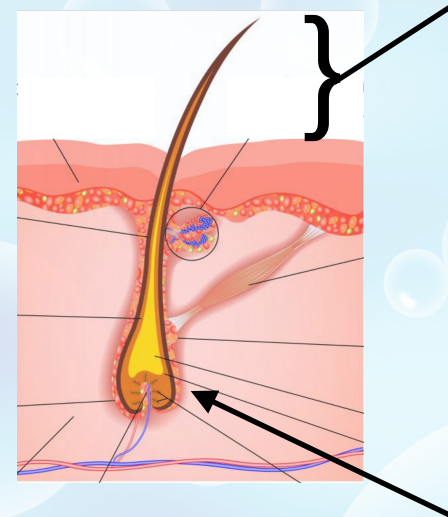
Once the timer goes off, rinse your pet completely, and dry as you normally would.

Repeat as often as recommended (check your veterinarian's instructions)



## Why all that soaking and scrubbing?

Regular bathing cleans this much of the skin



A medicated soak gets all the way down here

## Having Trouble?

Sometimes bathing your pet at home is a hassle. We offer bathing (both regular washing and medicated soaks) here at Chester Valley, just ask any staff member for more info.

If you would rather do it yourself, there are several companies that have self-serve pet washes, complete with raised tubs, mobile shower nozzles and drains designed to handle pet fur. Some even provide blow dryers, towels, brushes and other supplies. Check out:

Alaska K9 Aquatics -	(907) 677-7946
The Alaska Dog Wash Resort -	(907) 868-3535
Monster Wash -	(907) 561-3636