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Grooming Your Pet

Grooming your pet, whether a dog or a cat, is an important aspect of their health. Making sure that their coat is free of debris, that no knots or tangles are present in the fur, and that their nails are trimmed helps keep your pet in good physical shape.

Day at the Spa

Grooming is the process of cleaning the fur coat by removing excess hair and dead skin cells, as well as cleaning the fur of other debris. Many pets, especially cats, will groom on their own. However, many dogs and long haired cats often need help to rid their fur of excess debris. Regularly brushing and bathing your pet will help keep their coat shiny and free of debris. Some breeds need regular trims to help keep the fur away from their eyes, off the ground, or to prevent long hair from tangling. Each pet is different, requiring different bathing and grooming schedules depending on the type of fur coat that they have. Groomers are trained to know what type of hair cut different breeds of dogs and cats require to keep your pet's fur as healthy and sleek as possible!

Another important aspect to keep in mind is your pet's nails. Nail health and skin health often go hand in hand! Oftentimes, pets that have not been groomed in a while can grow very long nails, which have the potential to break. This can be painful to your pet, and it can also lead to infections if bacteria enters the blood vessels within the nail. Therefore, trimming nails is something that is often done at the groomers to help prevent broken or cracking nails.

If it's time to take your pet to the groomer, you're in luck! Albion Animal Center has an excellent grooming facility and can help you find your pet's perfect grooming style that fits his or her specific needs!



Best regards,
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