

GROOMING TOOLS

There are many types and brands, but here are some tools that I use.

Pin Brush

Long pins for toughs and short pins for smooths.



Rake (used when blowing of undercoat), Long Tooth Undercoat Dog Rake Works with roughs & smooth coats.



Combs

(also used when blowing undercoat) Works with roughs & smooth coats.



wide tooth

Slicker



Dematting Tools for Roughs

Use a dematting spray/lotion to help get mats out. (most problem areas are behind the ears, under the belly, between chest and legs)

You can use baby powder behind the ears to help eliminate matts.



10" wide tooth

NOTE: DO NOT HAVE YOUR ROUGH COLLIE SHAVED

The undercoat keeps your collie cool in the summer and warm in the winter.

Suggestions

- Use a grooming table with an arm to do brushing, clipping or drilling nails etc. Makes grooming easier. (36" length)
- Brush out before bathing.
- After bathing, use a force dryer to blow out water and helps dry your collie.
- YouTube has different videos on grooming.
- **Be specific/firm when talking to groomers about what you want done. Some will automatically cut the hair or shave your collie.**

A common misconception is that the Collie needs daily brushing or frequent bathing. The amount of coat care is dependent upon the amount of coat a dog may have and the time of year. Rough Collies in full coat should be brushed once a week or every two weeks. A dog that is out of coat or in summer coat is going to need less grooming. Spayed females and males shed once a year. Intact females shed according to their heat cycle. The smooth coated variety will require less brushing and maintenance, but both varieties do shed. Collies are a very clean breed and are noted for not having a doggie odor frequently found with some other breeds.