

GROOMING A LAGOTTO ROMAGNOLO BY IL GRANAIO DEI MALATESTA KENNEL BENELLI MONICA—ITALY

THE LAGOTTO ROMAGNOLO IS, AND SHOULD ALWAYS BE A RUSTIC BREED. THE COAT SHOULD NEVER BE OVER GROOMED - IT SHOULD BE VERY DIFFERENT FROM THE POODLE. THE COAT SHOULD BE CURLY, BUT NOT SOFT. THE MOST IMPORTANT STEPS TO ACHIEVE THIS IS IN THE FIRST GROOMING AND CORRECT BATHING OF A PUP.

PUPPY GROOMING

THE FIRST GROOMING FOR A PUP SHOULD BE WHEN HE/SHE IS ABOUT 3 MONTHS OLD. AT THIS TIME THE ENTIRE BODY AND HEAD MUST BE CLIPPED. CUT THE COAT WITH CLIPPERS USING A 3 MM BLADE. THIS FIRST GROOMING WILL MAKE THE COAT CURLY IN THE FUTURE. IF AFTER 2/3 MONTHS THE COAT IS NOT CURLY, OR STRONG ENOUGH REPEAT THE SAME GROOMING AGAIN.



BATH BEFORE GROOMING

THE BATH IS THE FIRST AND VERY IMPORTANT STEP IN THE CORRECT GROOMING OF YOUR LAGOTTO. AFTER BATHING, THE NEXT STEP IS TO UNTANGLE ALL THE KNOTS. WHEN THE DOG IS WET USE A WIDE TOOTHED COMB, NEVER USE A BRUSH AS IT WILL LEAVE THE COAT TOO SOFT. AFTER COMBING OUT ALL MATS, AND TANGLES, IT IS BEST TO ALLOW THE DOG TO DRY NATURALLY IN THE SUMMER MONTHS. A HAIR DRYER MAY BE USED ON A LOW SETTING IN THE WINTER MONTHS. IT IS IMPORTANT TO NEVER LEAVE A DOG TO DRY NATURALLY IN THE WINTER MONTHS, OR IN COLD WEATHER, AS IT CAN BE DANGEROUS FOR THE DOG'S HEALTH AND COULD CAUSE DAMAGE TO HIS OR HER TAIL.

PET GROOMING

TO HAVE THE BEST PET GROOMING IN A LAGOTTO YOU MUST USE SCISSORS. CLIPPERS SHOULD BE USED ONLY FOR THE BELLY AND INNER THIGH. THE CORRECT LENGTH OF THE BODY COAT IS APPROXIMATLY 2 CM. THE COAT SHOULD BE SHORTER ON THE BACKSIDE OF THIGHS, CHEST, SIDE OF NECK AND TAIL. IN THESE AREA'S THE COAT SHOULD BE APPROXIMATLY 0.5 CM IN LENGTH. THE COAT ON THE HEAD SHOULD BE LONGER THAN THAT OF THE BODY AT APPROXIMATLY 3 CM IN LENGTH.

THE BODY

RED INDICATES WHERE THE COAT MUST BE SHORTER: APPROXIMATELY 0.5 CM IN LENGTH



THE TAIL

SHOULD BE ABSOLUTELY CARROT LIKE IN APPEARANCE WITH NO FEATHERS



THE HEAD

THE HEAD SHOULD APPEAR ROUND, AND THE EARS SHOULD BE WITHIN THE PERIMETER OF THE HEAD LINE. THE COAT OF THE EARS SHOULD BE VERY SHORT AT THE TOP AND GRADUALLY BECOMING LONGER TOWARDS THE BASE, BUT NEVER OUTSIDE THE PERIMETER OF THE HEAD.





SHOW GROOMING

THE SHOW GROOMING OF A LAGOTTO IS THE SAME OF A PET LAGOTTO THE DIFFERENCE BEING IN THE LENGTH OF THE COAT AND THE AMOUNT OF TIMES YOU SHOULD GROOM THE DOG BEFORE THE SHOW. BODY (ABOUT 3/4 CM LENGTH) - HEAD (ABOUT 3/4 CM LENGTH) – SIDE OF NECK, CHEST, BACK SIDE OF TIGHS, TAIL. (0.5CM LENGTH).

THE BOTTOM OF THE DOG (BELLY AND STERNUM) SHOULD BE VERY SHORT (FEW MILLIMETERS).

IF YOU DECIDE TO ENTER YOUR LAGOTTO IN A SHOW YOU SHOULD CUT THE COAT TO APPROXIMATLY 2 CM IN LENGTH ABOUT 3 MONTHS BEFORE THE SHOW. AFTER CUTTING THE COAT; BATH, REMOVE KNOTS AND DEFINE THE LINES OF THE DOG WITH SCISSORS EVERY 10/15 DAYS AS DESCRIBED ABOVE. THE COAT WILL BECOME VERY CURLY AND IN EXCELLENT CONDITION USING THIS METHOD. BATH THE DOG 2 DAYS BEFORE THE SHOW AND DRY THE DOG AS DESCRIBED ABOVE .