

# Toy Poodle Grooming Timeline

## Puppy Stage (8 Weeks - 6 Months)

- Introduce gentle brushing 2-3 times/week to build habit
- First bath at 8-12 weeks; use puppy shampoo
- Nail trims every 2 weeks; ear checks weekly
- Notes:  
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## Young Adult Stage (6 Months - 1 Year)

- Daily brushing to prevent mats in growing coat
- Baths every 3-4 weeks
- First professional trim at 6 months; every 4-6 weeks after
- Teeth brushing 3x/week; eye wipes daily for stains
- Notes:  
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## Adult Stage (1+ Years)

- Daily slicker brush sessions (5-10 min)
- Baths every 2-4 weeks with hypoallergenic formula
- Trims every 4-6 weeks (puppy cut or Continental)
- Weekly full check: Ears clean, nails short, teeth brushed

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## Senior Stage (8+ Years)

- Gentle daily brushing; watch for skin sensitivity
  - Baths as needed (every 4 weeks max) to avoid dryness
  - Trims every 6-8 weeks; focus on comfort clips
  - Increased dental/ear care; vet-approved products
  - Notes:
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## Grooming Tools Checklist

- slicker brush: Yes/No
- Dog shampoo: Yes/No
- Nail clippers: Yes/No
- Ear cleaner: Yes/No
- Toothbrush/paste: Yes/No