



DIY Dog Bath

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Spring is here and Fido has been shedding--everywhere! It's time to get a bath. If you plan to this as a Do It Yourself project, let us be your guide. First, assemble all the supplies you will need in the bathroom. Here at Easdale, we use Nature's Specialties products from California. We recommend the "Plum Silky" formula for its wonderful scent, silky feel and safe, gentle cleansing. Don't forget to locate some old towels, a brush or two, and to wear old clothing.

Bring Fido into the bathroom and into the tub. Wrestle him back into the tub. Start a luke warm bath and get his fur wet. Too hot and the water will strip the natural oils which may cause irritation. Shampoo evenly...Bring Fido back from the living room where he was rubbing shampoo, water, and dog hair into the carpet and furniture. Wrestle back into the tub and begin rinse...Wipe shampoo, water and dog hair from face and arms after he's done shaking. Re-start rinsing....throw towel over Fido as he starts to shake again, wipe again and retrieve towel from light fixture above. Remember to rinse thoroughly under front and rear legs and under tail. Shampoo left in the coat or on the skin causes itching and irritation later.

Put Fido back in the tub and wipe up expensive shampoo spilled on floor, pants, and shoes. Re-rinse Fido and towel dry. Ignore Fido running back out to the living room to add more hair by rubbing and shaking all over carpet and furniture.

Wipe down tub, fixtures, cabinets, ceiling, floor, walls, and mirror. Look at self in mirror and remove hairy, wet clothing, bagging them for trash. Take shower to clean self. Exit tub with ankle deep water and call plumber to clear hair clogged drain.

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