



# Complete LGD Grooming Checklist

What to Check, Treat & Prevent Every Season

**How to use this checklist:**  
 Work through each section during every grooming session. Check off each item as you complete it. Use the notes lines to record anything that needs follow-up. Share concerns with your vet promptly.

■ COAT & SHEDDING MANAGEMENT

- Brush out loose undercoat with undercoat rake (work in sections)

*Notes:*

- Check for and address any mats — especially chest, pants & behind ears
- Apply detangling spray to any mat areas before brushing
- Follow with slicker brush to smooth topcoat
- Use wide-tooth comb to verify no hidden mats remain
- Note any areas of chronic matting for more frequent attention

*Notes:*

■ SKIN HEALTH INSPECTION

- Part the coat in multiple spots — inspect skin directly
- Look for redness, flaking, greasiness, or unusual odor
- Check for hot spots or areas of hair loss
- Inspect belly and armpits (often missed areas)
- Note any darkened, irritated, or scabbed patches
- Check for embedded foxtails or burrs — especially paws, ears, and groin
- Document any concerns with photo for vet reference

*Notes:*

■ EAR HEALTH CHECK

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Look inside both ears for redness   | <input type="checkbox"/> Check for excessive head shaking  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Check for dark discharge or debris  | <input type="checkbox"/> Look for scratching at ears       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sniff for any unusual odor  | <input type="checkbox"/> Feel ear flaps for unusual warmth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean outer ear with dog ear cleaner + 4x4 gauze pad or unscented baby wipe |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flag any discharge, odor, or redness — schedule vet check                   |  |

*Notes:*

## ■ PARASITE CHECK & PREVENTION

- Run hands through coat feeling for tick bumps (especially ears, neck, armpits, groin)
- Part coat to check for flea dirt (black specks that turn red-brown when wet)
- Inspect between toes and around tail base
- Remove any ticks found with fine-tipped tweezers — clean area with antiseptic
- Apply or replenish flea & tick prevention product (per your vet protocol)
- Note prevention product used + date applied:

Notes:

## ■ FEET, NAILS & BODY CHECK

- Trim nails if they touch the ground
- Check between toes for debris/mats
- Inspect paw pads for cracks or injury
- Check overall body condition — ribs should be felt but not seen
- Weigh dog if possible and note any significant change from last check
- Check eyes — clear, no discharge
- Inspect teeth/gums briefly
- Feel lymph nodes for swelling

Notes:

## ■ SPRING BATH (IF NEEDED)

- Brush thoroughly BEFORE bathing
- Use deshedding shampoo for spring
- Use flea shampoo instead if needed
- Massage shampoo down to skin
- Rinse until water runs fully clear
- Apply conditioner, rinse again
- Towel-dry — remove excess water
- Blow-dry fully to skin (no damp spots)
- Brush again while drying

## ■ FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS

- Schedule vet appointment for any flagged concerns
- Add next grooming session to calendar (2-3x/week during blow-out)
- Restock any grooming supplies running low
- Photo-document any skin or ear issues for monitoring

## SESSION NOTES

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Date of this check: \_\_\_\_\_ Dog's name: \_\_\_\_\_

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