

Training long facial hair

Training your puppy's hair away from the eyes is important in long haired breeds such as Yorkshire Terriers, Lhasa Apso, Shi Tzu, Maltese, and their crosses.

Some people just train the eyebrows back and the facial hair down into *Chinese whiskers* while other people even tie the head hair back. Have a look at this websites to see examples of dogs with their facial hair kept naturally long.

http://valsdivados.com/yorkie_bows_fun_photos.html

To train the hair back, use a very wet face cloth or wet cotton wool balls.



You can also brush the hair back with a soft brush before you wet it, to train it into place.

If the hair is trained away from the eyes, and (in breeds with skin folds such as Pekingese, pug, Boston terrier, bull dog) the eyes and the skin folds are washed thoroughly with *plain water* every day, then you will have lovely clean faces

and healthy eyes. The old wives' tales that you need to use peroxide or special purpose tear stain remover are not true. If you wash the face *every day* then just plain water is all that is needed.

Some people say that their dog does not like its face to be washed – that is because they have not been doing it every day. You have to feed your dog every day, so, just before meal time, grab the wet face cloth and give your dog's face a wash. Then praise him with lots of high-voiced praise and then feed him – *Easy!*

A final tip: if you wash your dog's face with plain water every day, it will never be dirty enough to required shampooing. Use shampoo on the rest of the body at bath time, but use plain water (and plenty of it) on the face.