

Grooming

Goldens are NOT wash and wear dogs. They require weekly brushing and nail trimming. They have a thick, long coat that will become matted if not kept up. It's important to keep their nails short and the hair on the pads and between the toes trimmed. If you don't, they're feet can become splayed.

They also need the hair around and under the ears kept short to avoid ear infections. By keeping the hair short in this area, it allows the air to circulate. One of the most common reasons for ear infections is yeast. This can be caused by excess moisture in the ear. Letting the air to the inside of the ear will keep it dry. Goldens ears also need to be cleaned once a month. They get wax and muck build up. Honestly the easiest thing to do would be to take your puppy to the groomers every 4 to 6 weeks. This way your puppy is kept clean. The ears are kept clean and the nails are kept short. The groomer should notice any fleas, irritations on the skin, or anything out of the ordinary. Start them early so they become used to it.

If interested, there are some videos on my website for do-it-yourself grooming.

