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Have a Happy and Safe St. Patricks Day

BASH General Meeting



Saturday March 15

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(so we know how many are coming for
dinner)



5:00 pm meet and talk
5:30 meeting
6:00 dinner

SACCO DOG CART. How to keep your husky fit and have fun without snow! Sacco dog cart for sale BO. Excellent condition. Old style (two persons, 1-many dogs) plus custom work added by bicycle manufacturer (improved brakes). It can be used with either harnesses on standard leads or with their training "frames" (Sacco calls them "tow bars", up to two dogs when using the frames). Person can either sit in the cart or stand on the back of it. It can be steered from either position. I have some leads and harnesses also, in addition to the 2 tow bars.

Here's the official Sacco website for reference <https://saccodogcart.com/pages/cart> (the model I am selling is the old one, not the new one).

This is a photo from the Sacco website, not mine, to show the tow bars in action. I have closeup photos of the one I am selling.



St. Patrick Day Dog Treats

Cook Time: 30 minutes

Yield: 3 dozen

Preheat Oven: 350 degrees

Ingredients

- 2 cups spinach
- ½ cups plain natural applesauce (no added sugar)
- 2 eggs
- 2 cups oat flour (or grind own old fashion rolled oats in food processor)
- 2 cups all-purpose flour (or whole wheat flour)
- OPTIONAL: dash peppermint extract (or handful of fresh mint leaves)
- OPTIONAL: 2 chlorophyll capsules for fresh breath, if desired)

Instructions

- Pulse greens in food processor
- Add applesauce and continue pulsing until a smooth paste is achieved
- Add eggs and pulse to combine
- Add chlorophyll powder (after removing from capsules) and pulse to combine
- Add both flours by cupful until a dough ball is formed
- The dough will start out very sticky. Add flour as needed to get a workable texture
- Roll out dough to desired thickness, adding flour as necessary to keep dough workable
- For convenience, you can roll out between sheets of parchment
- Bake 30 minutes or until crispy; cool thoroughly

BONE APPETIT AND HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!



It's Grooming time! Today I'll cover the best practices for grooming your Siberian Husky, what I've found out after too many baths, brushing & pampering for my Huskies and what you'll need in order to have your Husky looking show-ready at home.

Your Husky's thick coat helps them keep cool in the summer and warm in the winter. The secret to a great coat is [grooming](#), and the regular upkeep by brushing and a well-balanced diet. By taking care of their coat, you're basically helping them have more efficient heating or cooling system.

Siberian Huskies usually [shed](#) their undercoats twice a year. This

phenomenon is called blowing the coat and occurs in the spring and in the fall season. But hair manages to get all over, all year round, as far as I can say.

Remember the vital Husky coat rules! Never shave or clip their coat. It's really not necessary and quite harmful to them. [I've talked about this in this article](#). Also, never clip your Husky's whiskers.

Before starting the actual guide, I must say I don't use Furminators every time I brush my dogs. The FURminator gets rid of excessive fur faster, especially when my huskies are shedding. And there are models for medium dog coats. But I don't need to use FURminator to brush their coats every time. I brush my huskies every chance I get for about 10 -15 minutes or so with a slicker brush or an undercoat rake brush for medium hair.

On to the guide!

Preparation & tools needed

Being prepared and having all the required tools sets you up for success. So let's get to the list of things needed in order to groom your Husky at home!

1. Buy a good undercoat rake



This is an undercoat rake

An undercoat rake is a rake with long teeth. This type of rake is specifically designed for undercoats, as it has long teeth set widely apart.

It can get past the outer guard hairs (the long coat) and get down to the undercoat hairs. Most decent pet supply stores have in stock a good undercoat rake. Try to find a sturdy feeling one, so it will last you a while.

I've been using FURminator to brush my huskies for quite a while when they are shedding. This brush comes in handy when my huskies are shedding. You can find it [here on amazon](#).

2. Get a slicker brush

This is a slicker brush



This type of brush resembles the ones that some women use to brush their hair. It's a brush with a slanted head, containing fine metal pins that are set on a rubber cushion. Again, you can get this from a pet supply store.

This brush is designed to pull dead and loose hairs from your Husky's coat. It also detangles the undercoat pretty well. All this while protecting your dog's skin from excessive pressure thanks to the rubber cushion.

3. Have the vacuum ready

A good vacuum is a must-have for any Husky dog owner. I'd recommend going for a model that has a plastic container or at least not a textile one. You don't want those pretty hairs stuck in your vacuum's textile bag.

It's a nightmare to clean that!

You'll use the vacuum to clean the area and excess fur once you're done grooming your Husky.

4. Acquire a good, organic, dog shampoo

A good organic shampoo will clean your Husky good while taking care of his skin and coat. As long as brands and types go, that's a long story and it might vary on what you can find in stock or at your pet supply store.

It's worth mentioning that huskies do not necessarily require a special kind of shampoo or anything. You basically want a good quality shampoo.

As long as you are not using special anti-flea or other type of treatments for other problems, the essential things in a good shampoo are:

- it should be hypo-allergenic;

- it should contain one or more of the following ingredients: rosemary, lemongrass, lavender, oatmeal, or aloe.

Please note that the above ingredients are not required as I said. It's just a nice thing to have in order to make sure your Husky's coat gets the best treatment.

I'm a fan of shampoos that contain lavender, as they tend to smell prettier. Also, lavender is a good natural pest repellent.

5. Other must-have things before you start grooming your Husky

You'll also need:

- **3-4 soft towels** that absorb water well, for the drying process;
- **a hair dryer**, if your Husky agrees with it (*one of my Huskies hates it*);
- **a small pair of scissors**, for the hairs between the paws;
- **nail clippers**, if you decide you want to clip his or her nails;
- **delicious dog treats** to reward the good boy / girl during and after the grooming session;

Grooming your Siberian Husky

The process of Grooming your Husky consists of several activities or steps: brushing, bathing, trimming the hair between the toes, clipping the toenails and gently wiping the eyes.

Tip: Before going through the actual steps, if your Husky has some thistles or burrs tangled in their coat, what I've discovered, is that Coconut Oil can help you get them out easy peasy. Do this before Grooming.

Let's get them in order, as I like to do them in order to ensure that we'll get our Husky looking like a fluffy and puffy happy dog.

1. Pre-wash brushing

Brushing your Husky before taking the bath, can help you get the coat cleaner as you untangle and remove loose hair before the coat gets wet. Brushing the undercoat is pretty hard when it's wet.

You'll need to do a few light passes over your Husky's coat with the undercoat rake and then the slicker brush. Once you're done, let's go to the next step.

2. Bathing your husky

You usually don't need to bathe a Husky more than twice a year. That is unless he or she gets very filthy or has fleas. Then, of course, you must take action.

Be careful as bathing your Husky too often can make her fur and skin dry out and turn dull. We don't want that! We want a shiny and fluffy coat.

Huskies don't have a very oily coat, so they don't have that usual doggy odor so prominent or at all. That being said, get your favorite dog shampoo, and let's get started.

How to actually bathe a Husky, step by step:

1. Place him or her in your bathtub, which already has some warm water in it.
2. Wet the coat with warm water. Don't forget to wet the head as well, but be sure to avoid getting water in the [Husky's eyes or ears](#). Tilt her head in order to avoid this. Make sure to wet the coat properly, the undercoat needs a lot of water.
3. Apply the dog shampoo in circles against her wet coat. Give the coat a good wash, be persistent but don't scrub too hard. Don't make your dog uncomfortable.
4. Rinse off the shampoo with the showerhead. Several rinses might be needed as the coat is very dense. Make sure to get as much of the soap out of the coat as possible.
5. Get some dry towels and start drying the coat. If your dog likes it, you can also use a blow dryer with cool air. Make sure to dry as much as possible, so it won't get dirty the first time your dog sits on a dirty surface.

Some handy tips for the washing process:

- lay a screen or something over your drain to catch the loose hairs from your Husky's coat. This helps to prevent a clogged drain;

- you might need to place some towels near the bathtub to avoid getting the floor too wet;
- talk with your Husky and make sure he knows that you appreciate that he's sitting calmly. Praise him. The whole bathing activity can be a bonding process between you and your Siberian Husky;
- be patient, calm, and confident. A great attitude will show your Husky that everything that is going on is fun, normal, and a great thing to do with his owner;

3. After wash brushing

Once completely dry, you'll need to brush the coat properly. Use the undercoat rake all over their coat, and finally brush it with the slicker brush.

Be persistent as this is the last brush, so you want to get the loose hair out of your Husky's coat as much as you can.

4. Trimming the hair between the toes

You need to trim the hairs between the toes with small scissors. You just need to level the hair with the toes, so your Husky will not step on the hair when walking and running.

This is especially needed if you walk a lot on paved roads. Your dog will love walking and running if his paws are comfortable and not hurting.

5. Clip the toenails

Be careful how you clip the toenails. Look for the live quick, which will be pink.

You want to cut the nail no closer than 2 millimeters from the quick or the flesh under your Husky's nail. If you are not comfortable doing this, get him to a groomer or vet and observe how they do it first.

As far as I experienced, most Huskies are not too keen on getting their toenails clipped. So be prepared for a stubborn boy. Make sure he's comfortable with you touching and handling his paws. *(treats also help)*

6. Balm the paws

It's SPA time, baby! If you walk and exercise your Husky a lot (and you should!) you can notice his paws getting harsh or dry. This can especially happen if he walks a lot on roads and pavements.

Just like us, when the paw skin gets too dry it can become uncomfortable. But there is a solution: paw balms!

Just like dog shampoo, there are a lot of brands. What you need to look for is a paw balm that: is organic, and has coconut oil, aloe, vitamin e, and other goodies. I've discovered that products with good oils such as coconut oil, olive oil, and vitamin e are always a good fit. So try to find a paw balm that has at least these two ingredients. SÄKER Organic Dog Paw Balm is a pretty good balm palm, and you can find it on [Amazon here](#). It is completely safe to lick. I also tried the Pet Head Oatmeal Paw butter that you can find [here](#), but it has perfume. It has a really good smell, but I usually try to find products without perfume for my dogs.

7. Wipe his eyes

Get a moist towel and gently wipe your Husky's eyes. This will keep the eyes clean and free of dirt.

8. Maintenance and keeping your Husky Clean

Loki loves fresh dirt

It's a great practice to brush your Husky's coat at least once a week. This way you'll end up having less hair around the house, and your dog will look great all the time.

Of course, some Husky's love getting down & dirty [and even dig](#). I try not to bathe them too often, and when things get really messy I sometimes use a dry shampoo. A dry waterless shampoo for dogs is a special type of shampoo that does not need rinsing or anything.

(I use one from Hartz, it cleans surprisingly well)

Conclusion

And that's about it! You now have a Siberian Husky that looks straight out of the dog show! What a cutie! And he'll be happy to roam around and play with his groomed and soft paws.

Lastly, I must say that the steps I outlined in this article are not exactly specific to Siberian Huskies. You can apply this to any breed, as long as you account for special needs – some dogs might require a certain type of shampoo, might not have an undercoat and other things. Don't forget to [clean your dog's teeth](#) too.

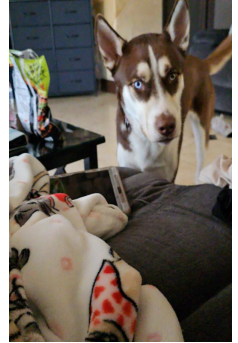
I hope you found my guide on grooming your Husky at home useful and let me know if you have other tips & tricks to share with other Husky owners. Also, check out my guide on what you need to know before [getting a Siberian Husky](#).

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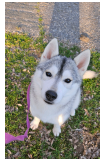
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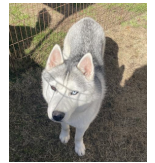
Sunny is a Male Siberian Husky and is also neutered. Sunny is such a loving, gentle giant who is looking for his forever home. Sunny holds many amazing qualities such as: follows commands(sit, lie down, give me your paw, let's go, house trained, and enjoys car rides and going shopping). The day my son brought Sunny home he took him to Target to buy some food and yummy treats. Everyone was amazed about how handsome he is and well behaved. Many people and children stopped to pet him and he loved it. They also met someone who makes house treats for dogs and exchanged instagrams. Sunny loves homemade dog treats! Sunny also loves to spend quality time with us while watching TV. He lays on the couch like a big o baby. He also loves to sleep with my son on his bed. Sunny loves cuddles, kisses, walks, and is a great jogger. He loves the outdoors. Just make sure to have a well enough secure fence for me!! Per Sunny, I also like to have a good staredown with my foster families Flamepoint Siamese Cat! I don't bark at him because I don't want him to be afraid of me nor do I chase him or any cat that I come across with on my walks.



Blossom is a 9 month old Siberian that has been in the show ring but it was decided she would do better in a pet home. She is sweet, walks on a leash and is crate trained. She has been around many dogs from small to large and does well with all of them. The dog is located in the area of Auburn

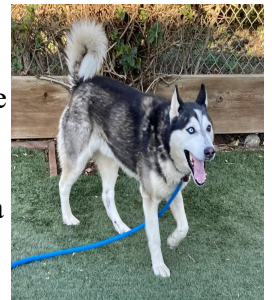


Dandy was originally going to be a show dog but it has been decided he should go to a pet home. He is lead trained and crate trained. He has been with other dogs of all sizes and does well with all of them. He is located in the area of Auburn



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Q-Bert, like his happy gaming namesake, is a little nervous when he first meets new people and dogs. He is loving, joyful and enjoys walks and doggie playtime though! He came into rescue with a bite injury but is healed and ready for his loving new home. He is new to rescue and we learning more about his joy every day. He is in a foster home with children and other huskies and simply loves to be with e veryone. He is learning crate training. We are learning more about him and his ideal perfect forever home. We welcome you to contact us to set up a meet and greet for him!



There are some great Siberians out there that need a foster home til placed. If you are interested, please contact Randee for more information....

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