

Pet Care Checklist

Feeding

Learn to read food labels for ingredients and recommended amounts

Identify foods that should never be given to your pet

Grooming

Fish

Change water (includes cleaning sink and countertop when finished)

Dog

Bathe (includes cleaning tub/bathroom after)

Brush

Trim nails

Clean ears

Brush teeth

Express anal gland*

**When this important, but undesirable, task needs to be performed we usually take our dog to the groomer or vet. This costs Mom and Dad money (about \$10). If you can learn to do it yourself, Mom and Dad will pay you instead.*

Healthcare

Giving medication

- Oral
- Topical

Making veterinarian appointments

Note: This list may change if/when additional animals are added to our family.

How to Clean a Dog's Ears

Things you'll need:

Cotton Ball and Pet Ear Cleaners (or a babywipe)

Cotton Swabs

1. Use an ear wash formulated for ear cleaning. It's important to never use undiluted peroxide on your pet's ears as it may cause burning.
2. Soak a cotton ball thoroughly in the ear wash. Squeeze out excess ear wash.



3. Place the cotton ball in your dog's ear and gently rub up and down.



4. Allow your dog to shake off excess moisture. This is important for preventing ear infections.
5. Soak the tip of a cotton swab in the ear wash and run it along the nooks and crannies of your dog's ears.



6. Avoid putting the swab down your dog's ear canal; leave this type of cleaning to the veterinary medical staff.