

Woody Smith's Newfoundland Dog Shampoo

Research discovered many Canadian breeders and trainers use this recipe
Dawn (white) or Palmolive (green original only) dish soap & glycerin.
Many other people add vinegar. Vinegar is a natural fabric softener.

Shampoo solution I use

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| - 128 oz (or 1 gallon) water | | | |
| - 4 Tbl | or 2.00 oz | or 60.0 cc | Dawn or Palmolive dish soap
(it matches the PH of Newf skin) |
| - 3 teaspoon | or 0.50 oz | or 15.0 cc | vegetable glycerin. Available at RiteAid |
| - 4 Tbl | or 2.00 oz | or 60.0 cc | apple vinegar |

Be sure to shake often to keep the glycerin mixed in solution.

note: 2 gallons to wash a large dirty Newfoundland

note: 1.3 gallons to wash a large relatively clean Newfoundland

Discussion:

This is not the last word in Newfoundland bathing. It is the method I use.

Materials listed at end of this article.

The idea is to use as little soap/detergent as possible while still getting dog clean.

After much experimentation with many techniques, I settles on a one gallon milk jug with screw on cap with holes in cap.

I use a human scalp massager to work the solution though the fur and across the skin. One can hold the loose skin taught, while the other hand uses the massager to work the solution though the fur.

After washing dog, rinse dog by pushing the hose nozzle though the fur while massaging with the massager. Continue this until no more discolored water runs off dog.

Dry dog. I use a shop vacuum on blower with the crevice tool. Push the crevice tool thought the fur until no more water flies out of the fur. Do not brush or comb dog until next day when dog is totally dry.

Prepare:

- 1 pair rubber coated knit work gloves..
- Pre-mix shampoo as above. Mix in a 1 gallon milk jug.
- Setup hose, with gentle sprayer, from hot water source (I use the hot water heater on VACATION low temperature setting).
- Put a piece (60" x 60") of indoor/outdoor carpet or fake grass carpet
- OPTIONAL: Pre-mix flea/tick shampoo. In a spray bottle.
1 part flea/tick shampoo to 5 parts water.

Brush dog before bathing. Any fur knots will only get worse after getting wet. Use a shop vacuum to blow dust out of fur.

Put a indoor/outdoor carpet or fake grass carpet on the patio.

Getting dog to lay on carpet. This works well to anchor the fur so you can agitate the dirt out of the fur on top of dog.

Shampooing Dog

Get dog to lay down on the carpet. Wet dog with water hose, try to get it into the under coat. Apply shampoo solution as needed to fur, working it in with one gloved hand. Very little solution runs off the dog. Use one hand to hold loos skin taught while other hand uses scalp massager to work the solution thought the fur back and forth. Switch the massager direction to side to side. Alternate method uses both hands to agitate the shampoo thru the fur. Apply more shampoo as needed.

After doing dog's back, roll dog onto side. Shampoo the dog's side and sides of legs and tail that is on top. Roll dog again and shampoo the belly and neck rough. Roll dog again and shampoo the other side and other sides of legs and tail. Let dog get up and shake. Shampoo the head and muzzle. Use wash cloth to do muzzle so you do not get solution in dog eyes or nose.

After cleaning the fur, let dog stand. Rinse with lots of water pushing the hose nozzle through the fur. Use the scalp massager to agitate the fur to make sure water rinses all the way down to the skin. Keep rinsing until water running off dog is clear. Let the dog shake off excess water often during this process.

Now that dog is clean. You may want to do a tick shampoo. In limited area, spray dog with 1 or 2 sprays of tick shampoo. With gloved hands, work into fur. It will lather. Repeat for all areas of dog. Avoid eyes. Let tick shampoo stay on dog for 10 minutes, no longer. See tick shampoo label for specific instructions for time.
DO NOT LET DOG LICK THE TICK SHAMPOO.
Rinse the dog with the hose. Let the dog shake off excess water.

If dog has dry fur, you may want to apply a light conditioner. In limited area, spray dog with 1 or 2 sprays of conditioner. With gloved hands, work this into the fur. Repeat for all areas of dog. Avoid eyes. You can rinse this out or let it stay in the fur.
PERSONALLY I never use a fur conditioner.

Using the shop vacuum (set to blower) or dog dryer; blow water out of the fur by pushing the crevice tool through the fur. Some dog will not tolerate blow drying. You may need to dry with towels (thrift stores have a good supply of old towels). Then put dog in crate with a fan. Walking on a warm day also is a good way to finish drying. Be sure not to overheat dog during walk.

Materials

One gallon milk jug with holes in screw on cap. This is readily available, inexpensive, and allows putting solution exactly and the exact amount where needed.			Hose sprayer with wide spray and shut off valve
Shampoo in milk jug above		Garden hose	
Rubber coated work gloves. These grab the fur and agitate it well without heavy work. Plus they do not irritate the skin			Heeta Scalp Care Hair Brush with Soft Silicone Scalp Massager
Terry cloth wash cloth			
Shop vacuum with hose and crevice tool			Palmolive dish soap
Apple vinegar			Vegetable glycerin