



Grooming Tips An Interview with Staci Bowen of Wet Pet Express

BPE News: With regard to grooming, what is the #1 thing that pet owners can do at home?

Staci: It would be wonderful if people would brush their pets more often (especially dogs). It's a great way for people to bond with their pet and keep the matted fur away. Start early with your puppy so he/she gets used to being handled.

BPE News: So, let's say that I haven't been so good about brushing my furry friend and he has matted fur all over. What can be done?

Staci: Unfortunately, some owners try to cut the mats out. We don't recommend that at all. It is just too dangerous. If the matting is dramatic, there may be no choice but to shave the areas most affected. Ideally, we can work out the mats gently.

BPE News: What about shaving my pup in the summer?

Staci: This, too, is not recommended. Some breeds rely on their double-coated fur to actually keep air circulating and protect their skin. If these dogs (like Malamutes, Huskys or Shepherds) are shaved, they are at risk for sunburn and heatstroke. The only exception to this rule is to shave the belly, which is safe from prolonged exposure and a shaved belly feels so good when stretched out on the grass or other cool surface.

BPE News: What are your favorite Bend Pet Express grooming products?

Staci: The Furminator! (see page 2) and the healthy pet shampoos Bend Pet Express stocks.

BPE News: What is the biggest misconception people have about pet grooming?

Staci: That you shouldn't bathe your dog too often. As long as you're using the right shampoo – one with only natural ingredients, no soap, detergent, sodium lauryl sulfate - bathing often is just fine and can help your pet be more at ease with the process!

BPE News: What about nail trimming?

Staci: Nail trimming can be done at home, too. For cats, a regular nail trimming can save your furniture. Cats don't tend to stretch blunt nails into the fabric – same activity, less damage! If your cat or dog is too skittish for home nail trimming, do not hesitate to bring them in. It is a much less stressful situation all around that way!

Make My Day!



Submit a photo of favorite animal friend we'll feature them on our website for the week! Enter at BendPetExpress.com.

BPE News: What's different about Wet Pet Express?

Staci: We've been working together for years and provide a welcoming, stress-free environment for pets and their owners. We take our time with each animal and only use products formulated or designed for optimum health and safety.

Visit Staci and the Wet Pet Express team inside the Eastside Bend Pet Express location - 541-306-8791 – Grooming and You Wash available 7 days a week.

Fast Facts

- Bend SNIP (Spay and Neuter Project) www.BendSNIP.org – 541-617-1010
- Services offered: spay & neuter, vaccinations, and microchips.
 - Feral cats are altered for free – SNIP will help you humanely catch feral cats.
 - Dogs and cats can be altered as young as 8 weeks of age. The earlier, the easier the recovery.
 - Bend SNIP performed their 20,000th surgery on February 1st, 2010!

Next Month: All For Dogs

*Our dedicated staff really know their stuff.
Have a question? Please ask!*

Featured Products



GripSoft Nail Clipper:

Gripsoft Nail Clipper with cutting guard is used by professional groomers to maintain nails at a comfortable length. Small, medium or large \$8 - \$15

Bark2Basics Deodorizing Shampoo:

A gentle, natural all-purpose deep cleaning shampoo specially formulated for professional groomers to get really dirty, smelly dogs fresh and clean. Mild enough to use on pets of all ages - \$13

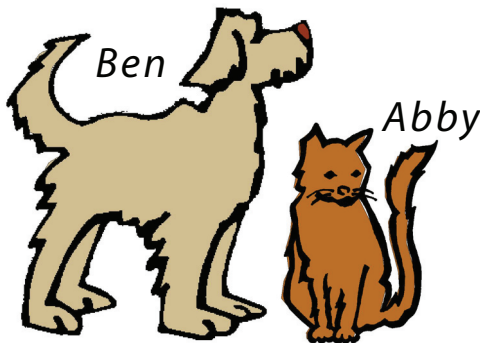


Furminator :

This is the perfect tool to help you control your pets shedding problems because it is easy to use and delivers fast, amazing results every time. Sized for your pet - \$33 - \$48

Upcoming Events:

Greyhound Adoption:	3/12/10 - Bend Pet Express East
Greyhound Adoption:	3/13/10 - Bend Pet Express West
Low Cost Shot Clinic:	3/20/10 - Bend Pet Express East 10am – 1pm
Puppy Party!	3/28/10 - Both stores 3-4pm Bring your puppy for some fun and socialization and get a free gift!



Dear Ben & Abby:

an advice column for your pets

There's nothing like getting your advice straight from the dog or cat's mouth! If you have a question for Ben or Abby, please e-mail them at BenNAbby@marketingdept.net, they'd be happy to respond here in the Bend Pet Express newsletter.

Our questions for this month:

- Q.** Do you sell ankle weights for dogs? A.J., Redmond
- A.** Abby – (ROTFL)
- A.** Ben – Well, no, and I guess I gotta ask a question here, and that's, "Why?" I know my friend Roscoe knows a guy who knows a guy if you're trying to 'off' a bad apple, or something. Otherwise, I'm not sure I understand. Dogs are not much for building muscles on our legs. If you're looking to get some more exercise for your best buddy, there's just nothing like a good walk or run. Swimming works, too.
- Q.** How do I trim my cats claws? D.C., Bend
- A.** Abby – Very, very carefully! I do best when re-assured, held firmly, yet gently and promised a treat. My claws are easiest to trim when my owner takes my paw in her hand and uses her thumb and pointer finger to gently press down on the top and bottom of the paw on the joint just behind the claw. This causes my claw to extend and she can carefully snip off just the sharp tip. It's very important to stay away from the 'quick' or pink part of the claw. I've heard it's just like clipping too far on a human fingernail – ouch!
- A.** Ben – For dogs, it's pretty similar, but you need the official pet nail trimmers for us. Sometimes human clippers work for cats.