

Puppy Love

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Signs of Spring

We all welcome the warm weather that arrives with spring, and our dogs enjoy it as much as we do. But, with the increasing warmth of the sun comes the season to shed a winter coat. We hang ours in the closet, but our dogs shed it off. Shedding is a continuous, natural process where old hair falls out and new hair grows in its place. Seasonal shedding is primarily influenced by the amount of time spent in sunlight and the fluctuations in temperature. Because dachshunds are indoor dogs their shedding process isn't affected as much with the changing of seasons, but you still might see an increase in their hair loss at this time of year, especially if your home is air-conditioned. AKC lists dachshunds as a shed-free breed; but they shed, all dogs shed, and people shed too. The best way to combat shedding is to brush your little doxie frequently, minimally several times a week. The more you brush, the less hair you will find in places where you don't want it. A daily fish pill and quality food will help with shed control. Do not give your dog a "summer cut," his coat is an insulator from the heat. If your dog's shedding is excessive it might be a sign of health related issues.



The Art of De-Shedding

The art of de-shedding requires three grooming tools that dislodge dead hair and debris in different ways. Brush the hair in the direction it grows starting with a steel comb, followed by a bristle brush and finish with a pin brush. This work of art will make your little doxie's hair shine and you will have less hair floating around that has to be cleaned up. Brushing your little doxie is a wonderful bonding activity. Share this time with your little one and you will both get the warm-fuzzies together!



Honeybun is home with her loving family in NC. She will go to work every day with her mommy as a therapy dog.

