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The overall silhouette is that of an aristocratic, well balanced, symmetrical animal with conformation indicating power, endurance and agility. He gives the impression of medium size, with a "short back, but standing over plenty of ground". Symmetry and field quality are most essential.

A dog of noble and balanced appearance, his coat should be taut, short and the texture ought to feel tough. Underside of tail and back edge of haunches is a bit longer. Coat should have good vigour and shine. Whilst hair on head and ears will be softer, the overall body hair must not be long.

The GSP standard for coat and colour states colour can be solid brown, without markings, or brown with white or flecked markings at chest and legs or dark brown with brown head, brown patches or specks, or light brown roan with brown head and patches/specks through to white with brown head markings and brown patches/specks or black with same nuances as the brown and yellow/tan markings are permissible.

Starting with the head use **Plush Puppy Let's Face It Shampoo** - is what the dog showing world has needed for way too long. Another one of the famous Plush Puppy products that with the latest of technology and the highest amounts of naturally sourced ingredients has developed into a product that is a must! This is a hypoallergenic sulfate free low foaming shampoo designed for faces. It's a nil fragrance, no tear formula with the highest quality Blue Cypress Extracts, Panthenol with Pro Vitamin B and SugaNate. These special ingredients clean, soothe, add moisture, aids healing and has anti-inflammatory benefits. A small golf ball sized amounts directly to the face and eye area allows you to thoroughly clean without causing irritation. Can be used in and around ears also with the same benefits. Its low foaming design allows easy rinsing yet complete cleaning.

For maximum shine use **Plush Puppy All Purpose Shampoo with Henna** which is a great extract and not to be confused with the old hennas of the past as this is truly water soluble and never builds up on the coat. Use at a ratio of 5:1 for show grooming i.e. 5 parts water to one-part shampoo.

On the white areas if your dog has them, use **Plush Puppy Herbal Whitening Shampoo** well diluted at 5:1 same as for the All Purpose Shampoo. This is to give the tonal qualities to the white areas by removing any unwanted warm/red tones from the white. You can clean up stained areas too prior to applying the shampoo with the innovative

**Plush Puppy Wonder Blok** - this product is one of our proudest achievements in helping to maintain a white stain free coat. It's not a bleach and contains no harmful chemicals but with the use of modern technology and high amounts of naturally sourced vegetable surfactants and glycerin This product is designed to remove gently unwanted warm/red tones to the coat. Best used on a damp/wet coat. Gently rub into the areas requiring allow time (5-10 minutes) and rinse. For maximum effects repeat or allow a longer time for this amazing product to work.

As with all products take care around eyes.

As your standard states the coat should be short, dense, rough and hard to the touch, we must avoid fluffy coats for this dog! So, scratch any ideas of using a conditioner as that produces fluffiness in the coat texture though it will assist in softening the coat. I recommend instead, that you keep the focus of shine in mind and use **Plush Puppy Seabreeze Oil** as a rinse after shampooing instead of conditioner at 1 tablespoon to 1 gal/4 L of warm water. Pour this all over or saturate with a large sponge and work well into the skin and leave in - do not wash out. This also helps keep any scurf at bay and leaves the coat smelling wonderful and with great healthy vigour and shine. It does not make the coat oily.

A revolutionary innovative **Plush Puppy FAST Blow Dry Spray** that combines the latest active ingredients together to dramatically reduce drying time, adds moisture and conditions while protecting the coat. FAST is probably the most technically advanced formula in the Plush Puppy

range to date. It may sound strange to use this on a short-coated breed however the results are amazing! A light spray all over and then blow/force dry.

Blow drying using a force dryer. It's amazing what a force dryer will do to blast all the dead hair out. This "rolls" the coat and keeps it regenerating without the holes one associates with coat shedding. He will shed, but it won't be a moth-eaten finish - it will be even as you are regularly getting out the dead hair allowing the new hair to grow. You will have a good even surface to work with and complying thoroughly with your standards requirements to the letter.

There are varying degrees of grooming from some under coat stripping to neatening up of underlines.

On show day preparing any white areas with a touch of **Plush Puppy Coverup Cream** applied with a barely damp piece of kitchen sponge and worked against the growth of the coat. Apply to coat a dab of chalk block or loose chalk with a small bristle hairbrush and allow to dry. Comb or brush afterwards for a clean finish. This gives a clean and bright finish to his whites and will within reasonable conditions, last all day. Alternatively, you can use **Plush Puppy Chalkestral** to hold powder or chalk by a light smearing to coat with hands instead of the Coverup Cream if not needing to cover stains, and apply **Plush Puppy Fairy Frost** which is a super fine white powder that clings beautifully and never clumps like chalk in wet conditions.

Spritz now with a spray of **Plush Puppy Shine and Comb** about 30 cms from the coat and allow the mist to fall. This does not give a greasy finish but gives wonderful lustre to the coat. Spray again just before ring time. I also like a spray of **Plush Puppy Odour Muncher** for a nice clean smelling dog. It literally deodorises and gives a pleasant fragrance to the dog negating most odours with ease. I also use it on the dog's mats that is smelling a bit stale, especially when I am away for a cluster of shows and cannot find time nor facilities for another bathing.

Keep on hand **Plush Puppy Wonder Wash** for those last-minute emergencies too as this will clean up the whites, pronto. Just spray, foam with the fingers and towel off. Just what you need for show times when the dog makes a mess of the beautiful grooming you have spent time on.

You can step it up a further notch if you are ready for it, with a light dusting of **Plush Puppy Pixie Dust**. Gee, but I like this stuff! Applied judiciously to your **Plush Puppy Ultimate Pure Boar Bristle Brush** and brushed well through, allowing the powder to settle and the shimmer to stay behind on the surface can look very glamorous. Don't overuse and abuse this stuff. It is not the aim to turn the dog into the glitter fairy - just to make him shine and shimmer for all to see that wonderfully balanced body of a dog all sleek and clean and shiny. Add also a light mist of **Plush Puppy Shine and Comb** just to the topline held at a distance of 12 inches/30 cms for a last-minute sheen.

So, there you are on show day, in the show ring with the judge taking in the overview of this fabulous dog and his capability to move without wasted motion and his great sense of nobility. That is a great hallmark, to have a dog that is capable of working hard but looks regal when he works. Show him to his best - his great endurance, his smart, animated attitude and with good handling, good presentation and your good dog - what else can beat that?

