



## Foxhound

Expert Grooming Article

A breed with a rich history the English Foxhound has been bred along careful lines for over two hundred years, the stud books published by the Masters of Foxhounds Association of England dating back before 1800; it is an easy matter for any owner of an English Foxhound to trace the pedigree back. The breeding of Foxhounds in England has always been and is still today in hands of the masters of Foxhounds, who kept the most careful records of their breeding operations. (read more over page...)









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The Foxhound is a breed of strength and purpose. The coat is short and dense, weatherproof and colours vary greatly with any recognised hound colour and markings.

For the Show ring we try and highlight what we have, which is generally a white based dog with various degree of colour markings on a short dense weatherproof coat that implies a harder guard coat with a softer undercoat.

A must have is **Plush Puppy Let's Face It**. This is a hypoallergenic sulfate free low foaming shampoo designed just for faces. It's no tear formula features the highest quality Blue Cypress Extracts, Panthenol with Pro Vitamin B and SugaNate. These special ingredients clean, soothe, add moisture, aid healing and have anti-inflammatory benefits. A small golf ball sized amounts directly to the face and eye area allows you to thoroughly clean without causing irritation. It can also be used in and around the ears with the same benefits. Its low foaming design allows ease of rinsing, yet complete cleaning. Leave this on until final shampoo rinsing to offer protection to the eyes. Nothing worse than a blinking eye looking at the judge when shampoo has got in a dogs eye.



The best shampoo for this coat is **Plush Puppy Herbal Whitening Shampoo.** This shampoo is primarily derived from organic sources with Ginseng extracts, protein, and a violet tone combined in a rich formula that works brilliantly to whiten whites and intensify darker colours. It DOES NOT lighten or bleach but instead tones with optical brighteners. It reduces yellowing or warm tones in white coats or white areas of the coat and will negate unwanted tones from sun fading or reddening in the coat. Similarly for darker colours, it will reduce any warm tones to intensify the depth

of colour by revitalising any lost cool tones. Herbal Whitening Shampoo makes white coats gleam and sparkle with a pearly sheen. All coat colours are made of the full spectrum of the colours of the rainbow and first tones to fade are always the blues and purples leaving a reddish, orange overtone to the coat. This is a quick and effective way to give depth back to your blacks and reds without damaging the coat or using any artificial coat colourings. Use at a dilution of 1:5 (1 part shampoo to 5-10 parts water). Lather and then rinse.

There are times where a Foxhound likes being a Foxhound and gets that extra bit grubby and dirty. For those times first bath using Plush Puppy Deep Cleansing Shampoo which is a clarifying shampoo designed to remove grease, grime and any product build-up in a dogs coat. By clarifying we mean cutting through ANY impurities to leave the coat in an ultra-clean natural state. This shampoo has extra surfactants that open the cuticle deeper to allow the deep cleaning and clarifying process. It will provide the deepest coat clean available leaving the coat reset and refreshed. Not only will it spruce up dull whites, it can also be used on any colour coat for a thorough and intensive clean. Deep Cleansing Shampoo will assist in reducing unwanted coat stains. Deep Cleansing Shampoo is a rich formulation infused with Green Tea and Seaweed extracts. that help to strengthen the coat and retain moisture. Seaweed extract provides detoxification, which leaves the coat in a healthier state. Use at 1:5 dilution rate. Lather well where needed, legs and around the neck generally, and rinse. Then use the Plush Puppy Herbal Whitening Shampoo.

For greater whitening on any stained areas on any coat type use **Plush Puppy Wonder Blok**. It helps to maintain a white stain free coat. It is not a bleach and contains no harmful chemicals but high amounts of naturally sourced vegetable surfactants and glycerin This product is designed to remove gently unwanted warm or red tones to the coat. Best used on a damp or wet coat. Gently rub into the areas required allowing 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.

This is a weatherproof coat, therefore you don't want to use a traditional conditioner as this will only soft this type of protective coat. Instead use **Plush Puppy Seabreeze Oil**, a product with true

star qualities. Seabreeze Oil adds shine, hydration, and condition to the coat. It can be a wonderful light alternative to regular oiling with longerlasting benefits.

It is a truly beneficial blend of using extracts of Calendula oil, Wheat germ oil, and Evening Primrose. Use as an alternative to regular conditioner as it will not soften or flatten the coat but retains the correct coat texture. It is non greasy and totally water soluble making it easy to apply without build-up. Seabreeze Oil is excellent for maintaining the healthy vigour

to the skin and coat and has healing and calming qualities. For this use at 1 tablespoon of Seabreeze to 1 L of warm water. Sponge on or sluice well through the coat, ensuring even distribution. LEAVE IN. DO NOT RINSE.

Now what else can be done to make this breed more appealing to a judge? Whiten those whites using **Plush Puppy Cover-Up Cream.** This works to cover up stains and discolouration on coats and is excellent to brighten whites. It gives instant masking of stains, blemishes and discolouration

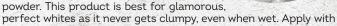


on white coats and white areas with long lasting results that easily wash out. Covers red or worn elbows, muzzle areas and legs to create a whiter coat look. Apply using a damp small sponge, less is more. Create a fine layer to the desired area and allow to dry.

This smooth white cream can be used alone or as a prechalker for **Plush Puppy Fairy Frost** and is more effective and innovative than the usual methods of white chalking

Fairy Frost will create the brightest white tone that clings all day. Plus, it covers all coats without creating harshness. Fine and easy to use, our formulation means a little goes a long way. Plush Puppy Fairy Frost Regular is naturally sourced and contains no chalk or talc. Use this product instead of chalk or mix with your usual white

and adding powder to coats.



Plush Puppy Ultimate Powder Brush, work well into the area where required for enhancing whites. A little goes a long way. Add to your regular chalk mix.

On Show days make sure you have **Plush Puppy Wonder Wash** on hand for the feet and legs if they get dirty or dusty. This is a no rinse wet instant shampoo for last-minute emergencies that will clean up anything, pronto. Just spray and foam in with the fingers and towel off.

All senses come into play when judging and a good smelling dog is nice to touch. **Plush Puppy Odour Muncher** is sensational in that it kills the odour and leaves a pleasant scent behind.



Finish off with a light spritz of **Shine** and Comb, a lightweight, totally oilfree finishing spray. Formulated to add instant healthy looking shine to the coat without leaving a greasy look or feel. Applied to a dry coat, Shine and Comb will make top-lines and colours really shimmer.

Now you can have your noble breed looking their very best in the competitive hound group.

