

Preparing for show Supplies, bathing process ,and more

The following are my favorite show supplies! Quality products are a must to achieve that show look! They are also great for anytime if you want to keep your pet looking like a show cat.

- Goop hand cleaner 4lb jar, < \$10.00 Walmart in automotive section

- Tear stain removers and preventative
Eye envy, buy online and poor 2 oz over makeup pads in a jar
Buy online <http://eyeenvy.com/>

- Vetericyn eye wash, buy online from various stores, average price \$16.00 for 4 oz

- Jerob products available online at jerob.com
Jerob Cocoa Butter and Mink Oil Shampoo 16 oz \$23.00
Jerob Creme Rinse 8 oz \$11.00
Jerob Bay Rum Coat Polish \$13.00
Jerob Star Dust - Championship Grooming Powder \$13.00

- F1R2 Hypoallergenic show coat shampoo, buy online at <http://flr2labs.com/> 16 oz for \$18 (plus high shipping \$17)

- Paul Mitchell Extra Body shampoo, various prices depending on size and place of purchase

- Grooming powder, I recommend Anna Powder (more for price and just as good) but eye envy is good too.
Anna powder is \$27.00 for 8 oz jar. Buy online <http://www.purrinlot.com/grooming-powder-8>

- Probios probiotic, to keep the immune system boosted ! Buy from revival \$40.00
<http://www.revivalanimal.com/Probios.html?sku=23192-610&VID=606&VIID=1247>

*If you use the Jerob Cocoa Butter and Mink Oil Shampoo, you won't need the Jerob creme rinse, because the shampoo also conditions. If you use the F1r2, you may want the creme rinse sine F1r2 does not contain conditioner. To start, you may want to get all 3 products to see which shampoo you like best.

Both are wonderful products!

Other important costs and grooming tools!

1. Cat will need vet visit plus current vaccines

2. Quality wet food to build weight and for adding meds and supplements and to grow show coat

3. Show entry plus cage fee usually runs around \$85 for entry plus a double cage. If you have a sturdy cage you will still ned to pay for a double cage space, and if you use a show cage you will need show curtains. Ask around to find someone who makes them, or make your own!

4. 4hp high velocity airforce dryer plus small dog crate to dry in is a must. Choose one with good reviews!

5. A cat fountain or the guzzler from charliescritters.com will keep face and beard dry when drinking!

General upkeep prior to show:

- Keep cat mat free, comb daily with steel wide tooth comb
- Clean eyes daily, wipe clean with eye envy or Vetericyn liquid on makeup pad, then 1 to 2 drops of Vetericyn per eye.
- Keep nails clipped monthly, front and back, I recommend watching YouTube videos to learn how or have a vet demonstrate!
- Keep ears wiped clean during baths, you can use Vetericyn eye wash for ears also!
- 2 months prior to show, bath weekly for a month, then twice weekly for 1 month Always completely dry with air force dryer after bathing, Do not use a human dryer!
- Watch YouTube videos to learn to face sculpt. You will need small toothed thinning sheers (the more teeth, the better!) and round tipped scissors sold in the "makeup section of most stores, and a steel comb that is wide toothed on one end and small tooth on the other.
* let your own experiences guid you in learning to show groom. Many breeders are going to recommend different products and grooming techniques, but you have to choose the ones that work best for you. Write down your own favorite products and where you got them! Continue reading on the next page for my show bath procedure!

The Show Bath

1. Gather all of your show bathing supplies in the area where you will give the bath. If you don't have a grooming sink or laundry sink, a clean kitchen sink works well. Make sure the cat is already combed and mat free before you begin or mats will become worse!
2. Cover (dry) cat in regular Goop Hand cleaner, do not apply to face. Let sit for 5 minutes. Pet and talk soothingly to cat. If cat is very upset, have a helper nearby!
Rinse completely. A sprayer is very handy for rinsing, although not necessary if you don't have one.
3. Now, wash with either your Jerob Cocoa Butter and Mink Oil Shampoo, or FIR2 Hypoallergenic show coat shampoo, or whatever show shampoo you like best. If you use a shampoo that also conditions such as the Jerob Cocoa Butter and Mink Oil Shampoo, further conditioning (creme rinse) is not needed. Lather completely, everywhere but face, and let sit about 3 minutes. During this time, you can use your makeup pads and Eye Envy or Vetericyn solution to wash the eyes, ears, and face.
Rinse Completely.
4. Next, wash with the Paul Mitchell Extra Body shampoo (for Humans). Lather well, let sit for

about 2 minutes. Rinse completely

5. If you didn't use a conditioning shampoo (the hypoallergenic F1R2 does not condition), and you want to use one, now is the time to use your Jerob Creme rinse. Use only a small amount, Let sit for 1 to 2 minutes. Rinse completely. Some cats might not need conditioning.
6. Now run a sink of water and make sure the fur "floats" up in the water and the water is clear, this will confirm that you have rinsed everything out completely. You might have to let the water out and run more to completely rinse.
7. It is now time to dry! Pat your cat dry with a towel, then place the cat into the small dog kennel for drying. You want to use a metal kennel, so the air can get to the cat, not a pet taxi. Use your airforce dryer at a comfortable setting to completely dry the cat. If not completely dry, some areas will look wavy and unkept as they air dry. The airforce dryer will scare the cat at 1st but he/she will get use to it and learn that it doesn't cause harm. But please do NOT blow the air directly into the cats face, this is a powerful dryer and the cat won't be able to breath well if air is directed at the mouth/nose! If you are able to open the cage door while drying, you can comb the fur while drying. If not, comb afterward.
8. Lastly, it's time to face-sculpt. This is not something I feel comfortable directing others in, please watch YouTube videos and ask several people to explain their sculpting process before attempting it on your own.