## SHOWERING AND BATHING INSTRUCTIONS

A specific shampoo therapy has been selected for your pet. This shampoo is medicated and the instructions must be followed closely for your pet to receive the full benefit of treatment. Most shampoos and topical rinses are used as an adjunct to other forms of therapy. Shampoo therapy is recommended to remove bacteria, yeast, and allergens from the skin and hair coat, reduce itching and scaling (dandruff), improve skin barrier function, as well as make your pet look, smell and feel better! A maintenance protocol may be recommended to help reduce relapse of the dermatologic condition.





## STEPS TO FOLLOW:

- The water temperature should be cool to lukewarm. Wet the coat thoroughly. The air temperature in the bathing area should be warm.
- Pay particular attention to the affected areas of your pet's skin. Apply sufficient shampoo to these affected areas and rub in well. Then proceed to lather the rest of your pet's haircoat. Some shampoos will lather better than others although the active ingredients may be equally effective.
- Allow the shampoo to remain on the coat for 10–15 minutes. Contact time with the shampoo is very important. For best results, use a timer. If bathing in the backyard, you may allow the dog to run free while soapy for the required 10–15 minutes.
- Rinsing is as important as shampooing be sure to rinse thoroughly! Unrinsed shampoo may cause irritation to the skin.
- If recommended, apply a medicated conditioner or rinse to the skin and coat. If indicated, lightly rinse the coat after application.
- Towel drying is best. You may use a blow dryer, but be sure that the temperature is set to cool, as warm to hot air may contribute to itch and dryness.





