

GROWLING AND GROOMING

Desensitizing a dog to Grooming

First- if any part of this program gets a growl You have to step it back, slow down, get further away.

You will need a brush, (or a nail clipper). Also a favorite/ special treat.

Step one. Leave the brush on the floor. leave a special treat near it. Be sure other dogs are outside or busy somewhere else.
DO THIS SEVERAL TIMES. 3-5

Step two. lay brush a few feet away from your dog, give her a special treat, walk away. Pick up and put away brush a minute or two later. repeat until she looks for the treat when she sees the brush.
Gradually move the brush closer. keep adding treat.

In the air a foot or more above her pass the brush over her BUT NO TOUCHING. offer a treat. put the brush away. repeat 5-10 times but the brush gets closer and closer. Still no touching.

Don't do anything for a few days. Then bring the brush out - one light stroke down her back and a great treat, put the brush away.

If she accepts this without growling, begin... slowly... to add a few more strokes each time. (if she growls, go back a step for a while) Take your time!! don't rush her. This whole process could take two months but worth it if she accepts and even likes grooming when you are done!

