

Does Your Dog Require Special Care?

There are some dogs that visit the salon that require extra care. Whether this is due to old age, health or breed traits. At Black Nose Grooming we will cater for all your dog's needs and put their health and mentality first above anything else. Below are just a few disorders we see. If your dog has a condition please make us aware and we can put in place the requirements to make your dog happy.

Hip/Elbow Dysplasia:

This tends to be a genetic disease in which the ball and socket joint is malformed. This meaning that the ball portion and its socket don't properly meet, resulting in a joint that rubs and grinds. Most common breeds this affects are: Labradors, German shepherd, Retrievers and Great Danes. Dogs with this disease will be given plenty of breaks, are able to move as required and have very little lifting. If dog has to be lifted this is with two people in the correct manner, putting no pressure on the joints.

Brachycephalic:

These dogs have shortened noses and compressed faces. This impairs airflow through the upper respiratory system. This can result in overheating and breathing problems. These dogs also tend to have bulging eyes. Breeds most common are: Pugs, Shih tzus, Bulldogs and Boxers. Extra care is always taken when handling these dogs, changing water temperature so they do not become too hot, making sure the environment temperature is adequate for them, keeping them as calm and relaxed as possible.

Malocclusion:

This being when dogs teeth do not properly align when the mouth is closed. Breeds that are most common to this are: Shih tzus, Pugs, Bull dogs and Boxers. When dealing with this pressure is never put around the mouth and we can also shape your dog's face more rounded to give nicer appearance.

Chondrodystrophic:

These are long bodied dogs they tend to have short legs and angular limb deformities. They are prone to disc and back problems. Breeds most affected: Basset hounds, Dachshunds and Corgis. It is essential to lift these dogs in the correct manner.