

THE ULTIMATE SPA TREATMENT

Hot Oil Massage

What dog hasn't demanded or dreamed of a day at the spa?

Shampoo, blow-dry, style and pawdicure. Exfoliating, whirlpool, aromatherapy and hot oil treatments.

Dogs, like humans, enjoy feeling clean and refreshed. Living in Colorado, you're in luck – there are a number of fabulous groomers and spas that offer superior products and services for every level of canine pampering.

For Paws Bakery and Pet Spa in Parker offers the best in pooch pampering and all-natural treats. The shop owner, Sheila, operates her pet spa like a hair salon. Dogs meet with a “pet stylist” and are scheduled into individual one-hour time slots to minimize stress.

The spa even features a “pet concierge” who will schedule private transportation to and from the facility via a pet taxi. Services include a conditioning treatment and massage using all natural products to the soothing sounds of a nature CD emanating from

nearby speakers.

For Paws Bakery even has a cage-free temperature controlled environment where the dogs are hand dried.

“I am very proud of our facility,” Sheila tells me, stressing that it is the quality of service they provide, and not the quantity of dogs they service each day, that counts.

Smooch the Pooch offers a long list of services that range from a bath and brush to the ultimate in pet pampering packages. Services include soothing hot-oil body treatments designed to relieve dry, itchy, flaky skin, and Pet-A-Cures that drench dry, cracked paws in soothing balm to relieve irritated skin and minimize dryness.

The Wag Shop in Denver is both a self-service and a full-service grooming salon featuring a full line of accessories. Clients with large dogs or multiple dogs benefit from the large private and gated deluxe bathing suite. Full service grooming includes shampoo, conditioner, towels, a heatless dryer, a variety of grooming tools and after-bath cologne.

Gidget's Grooming owner Sharon Terlep takes a special angle with her Denver shop. She has created the atmosphere of a comfortable living room in her waiting area. A spacious grooming area is loaded with state-of-the-art equipment for her staff of three groomers and two bathers. Gidget's offers a variety of services and products, including specialized shampoos for specific needs.

The Heavenly Dog Grooming Salon is a combined do-it-yourself and full-service grooming facility. Owner Suzy Swett explains that customers can bring their dogs in for a self-service

wash using top-of-the-line products including shampoos, conditioners and super-absorbent towels and blow dryers. Full-service grooming includes a bath, nail and anal gland treatment, and a “shed out.” Additional services include paw treatments and eye, ear and teeth cleaning.

At the **Sudsy Puppy**, owner Rebecca says one of the benefits of bringing your dog to her shop is the detailed hands-on attention your dog will experience. If your dog has any type of skin condition or hidden cuts or sores, they will find it. They use oatmeal and medicated shampoos, as well as Oxyfresh oral hygiene products.

Other metro-area grooming shops to consider include **Pets on Broadway** in Denver, which offers a wide range of specialty oatmeal shampoos created to help with seborrhea, bacterial disease or sensitive, dry, oily and allergic skin. Lou works with all breeds, but specializes in Poodles and Bichons.

Also, **Care Bear's Pet Grooming**, located in Aurora, has a warm, loving environment and welcomes all breeds, large and small.

So don't forget to schedule a day at the pet spa for your canine companion. Everybody loves to be waited on and pampered, even your dog.

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