

Hi everyone. I have really been relaxing this half term, I had not realised just how tired I was from all my work at school.

This week mum took me to see my friend Becky for my groom. Mum said I was looking scruffy, but she also told me that grooming is important for other reasons too. While my human friends cannot have their hair cut at the moment due to Covid-19 dog groomers are allowed to stay open because grooming can be really important for our welfare.

My fur, just like your hair keeps growing if I do not have it cut. I also do not moult, which is really handy for mum not having to Hoover too much, but it also means I need brushing every day. If my hair is not kept trimmed, I get knots of fur especially in my armpits, which pull on my skin and form uncomfortable mats. My friend Becky knows just how to deal with these and helps stop them occurring.

Becky also checks me over for any signs of illness; because she is a professional she knows what to look out for like lumps or skin discolouration and can tell my mum so she can take me to the vet before I get really poorly. She also checks for signs of fleas, ticks and other nasty parasites that I might have picked up whilst out playing.

The other thing Becky does is trims my claws. This helps stop me scratching people when I jump on their laps. Claw trimming is really tricky because I don't really like sitting still much and my claws are black so if you don't know what you are doing you can trim them too far and cut into the quick which makes it really sore.

Mum says she spends more on keeping me looking good than she does on herself now, but she told me that it is an important part of having a dog. She explained that when you buy a pet it is really important to check out all the costs you will have each month such as food, insurance and grooming to make sure you can afford to take care of them properly.

Anyway I'm looking very handsome now and really look forward to showing off my new haircut at school next week.



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After

Enjoy the rest of your break

*Chester x*