

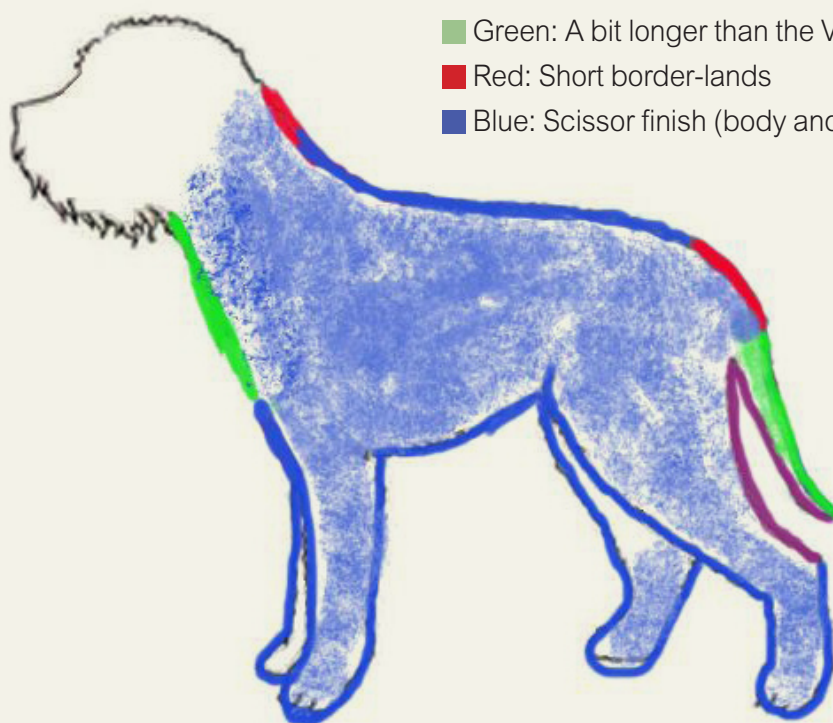
Lagotto Romagnolo

Instructions for Grooming by Laura Tanos, Regun Kennels, Hu

Grooming the Body



- **Violet:** This cut is the shortest, here I usually cut with the blade of 0.4 mm. This is the posterior part of the dog, around of anus, the lower part of the tail, the posterior and interior face of the hams. Also the abdomen.
- **Green:** Here I cut with the blade of 3 mm, a little bit longer than the violet parts, but also here seems very short. The upper line and the two lateral sides of the tail, the front of the chest, and the lower line of the neck; throat area tying into the chest.
- **Red:** Areas are short border-lands, it's important to not to make too abrupt changes on the coat length. One is on the upper line of the tail to make gradual transition, without making the tail too low inserted, the other is between neck and head.
- **Blue:** A coat of 1-2 cm, cut with scissor. The entire body and legs.



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Grooming the Head



correct expression



incorrect



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The picture (right) is the ideal expression of the head. As seen in pictures U.S. groomers usually incorrectly cut the head of lagottos, here are some corrections.

Ears: Not to look like a poodle, don't leave long the hair on the ears! Poodles are usually cut down the hair on the base of ears and leave long on the flat part, it must be reversed on the Lagotto! Short on the top of the ear, and gradually longer in the direction of the base, this way the hair of the head near to the base of ear and the hair on the base of ear must be equal.

Pictured (lower left) Green is the shortest part (0,5-0,8 cm), then a transition with blue (1-2 cm), and with yellow the hair of the head (3-4cm).

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Cranial: length approximately 3-4 cm, curly.

Nose and beard: Don't cut down the hair on the upper line of the nose, or the beard. Scissor touch up beard for neat appearance if necessary.

Under the eyes: 3-4 cm, curly, like on the cranial part.

Don't cut the hair between the eyes: it makes a very strange expression. The eyes must be visible, but not cutting down all the hair, only two hole, cavity for the eyes, cutting down the eyebrows. (red lines on the picture)

The areas of the face what are covered with the ears can be cut down to 1 cm, like the body, in this way you can make a good border-land on the lateral part of the neck, between the head and the body.

I usually suggest to don't dry the dog with any dryer, makes the coat very flat, woolly, like a poodle. First must be combed, to don't have any node. Then must be cut down the coat, on these measures. Then must be washed, and after that left to air dry, of course in a hot area, I usually wash them in the evening and they sleep in the room in a box, in the morning they are totally dried and curly. After that it can be put right if it's still necessary with scissor.

All this is for preparing the dog for shows, 3 months before the show (approximately), or for home-grooming. If you want to prepare the dog some days before the show then the lengths what I wrote (blade 0,3 mm, 3 mm) are too short, then you need the coat to leave longer.