

Pet Hygiene Scorecard

A premium self-check for brushing, bowls, ears, nails, bathing, bedding, and routine follow-through. Rate each item from 1 to 5 to spot your strongest habits and the areas that need attention.

- 20 scored questions
- Genuine pet photos
- Large horizontal image on every page

How to use it

- Use one page at a time and circle one score per question.
- A score of 1 means the routine needs work.
- A score of 5 means the routine is consistent and well managed.

What improved in this version

- Each page now uses a large horizontal photo banner.
- The question sits clearly below the image for easier reading.
- Color, spacing, and response targets are more polished.



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Question 1

Coat brushing

How consistently do you brush your pet's coat to remove loose fur and reduce mats?

Best-practice cue: adjust brushing frequency to your pet's coat type and shedding season.

Circle your score below

1	2	3	4	5
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1 = needs work • 3 = acceptable • 5 = excellent



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Question 2

Skin check

How often do you inspect the skin for flakes, redness, hot spots, or irritation?

Best-practice cue: use your hands as well as your eyes, especially around the neck, belly, and tail base.

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Question 3

Dental brushing

How often are your pet's teeth brushed with pet-safe toothpaste?

Best-practice cue: small frequent sessions often work better than rare long sessions.

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Question 4

Breath and gums

How healthy are the breath and gums right now?

Best-practice cue: gum bleeding, swelling, or severe odor should trigger a vet check.

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Question 5

Ear check

How often do you inspect ears for wax, odor, redness, or debris?

Best-practice cue: floppy ears and frequent swimmers often need closer monitoring.

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Question 6

Ear cleaning

If your vet says ear cleaning is appropriate, how consistently is it done correctly?

Best-practice cue: avoid cotton buds deep in the canal unless a professional specifically instructs you.

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Question 7

Nail trim

How often are nails kept at a comfortable walking length?

Best-practice cue: nails should not click loudly on hard floors during normal walking.

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Question 8

Paw pad care

How often do you inspect paw pads for cracks, debris, or dryness?

Best-practice cue: check after hot pavement, rough trails, or winter salt exposure.

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Question 9

Bath routine

How appropriate is your pet's bathing schedule for its coat and lifestyle?

Best-practice cue: over-bathing can irritate skin, while under-bathing can trap debris and odor.

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Question 10

Drying after bath

After bathing, how well is your pet dried, especially around folds and ears?

Best-practice cue: moisture left in folds, ears, and dense coats can invite problems.

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Question 11

Eye area

How often do you gently clean tear staining or crust near the eyes if needed?

Best-practice cue: use a clean soft cloth and avoid harsh products near the eye itself.

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Why You Should Clean Your Pet's Food/Water Bowls

RIVER LANDINGS ANIMAL CLINIC

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Question 12

Food and water bowls

How often are food and water bowls washed properly?

Best-practice cue: bowls can grow film and bacteria faster than many owners expect.

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Question 13

Bed and blanket cleaning

How often is pet bedding washed?

Best-practice cue: wash more often after illness, accidents, or heavy shedding weeks.

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The Best Litter Box Cleaning Routine!



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Question 14

Litter or toilet area

How clean is the litter box or toilet area routine?

Best-practice cue: a cleaner toilet area usually supports better behavior too.

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Question 15

Rear-end hygiene

For long-haired, older, or messy pets, how well is the rear area kept clean?

Best-practice cue: trim and clean carefully in long-haired pets that collect debris.

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Question 16

Shedding control

How well do you manage seasonal shedding before it builds up in the coat and home?

Best-practice cue: stronger routines before peak shedding usually save time later.

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Question 17

Odor control

How would you rate your current pet odor control without using harsh products?

Best-practice cue: strong cover-up scents are not a substitute for real cleaning.

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Question 18

Grooming tools

How clean and appropriate are your brushes, clippers, wipes, and towels?

Best-practice cue: dirty brushes and towels can spread oils, debris, and odor back onto the coat.

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Pet Care Tracker



Pet Info

Pet name: _____
Breed: _____
Age: _____
Vet name: _____
Phone #: _____

Medication/Allergies

Weekly Pet Routine

Walked
Fed AM/PM
Water bowl checked
Playtime/Exercise
👉 Medications given
Grooming / Brushed
Poop check 🐾

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Walked	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fed AM/PM	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water bowl checked	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Playtime/Exercise	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
👉 Medications given	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grooming / Brushed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Poop check 🐾	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

"Every day is a good day with paw prints on the floor."

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Question 19

Routine tracking

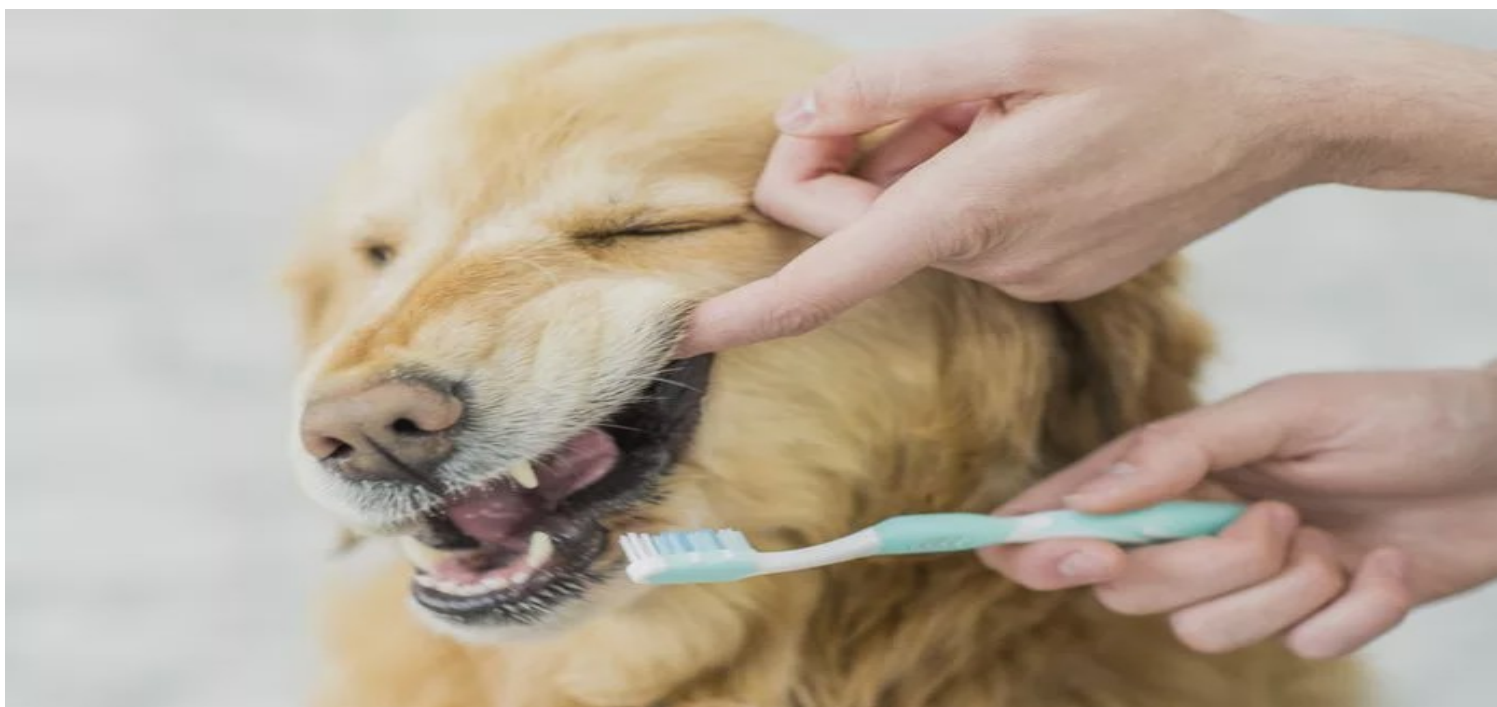
How consistently do you track hygiene tasks such as brushing, bathing, ear checks, and nails?

Best-practice cue: simple reminders keep nails, ears, and baths from being postponed.

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Question 20

Vet help

When hygiene issues appear, how quickly do you seek professional advice?

Best-practice cue: early advice often prevents small hygiene problems from becoming medical ones.

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Scoring Guide

Add all 20 answers for a maximum of 100 points. Then use these score bands to see how your everyday hygiene routine is performing.

20-44

Needs urgent improvement

Several daily-care routines are missing or inconsistent. Start with bowls, brushing, nails, ears, and basic cleaning reminders.

45-64

Developing routine

You have a foundation, but consistency is the issue. Pick the lowest-scoring three items and fix those first.

65-84

Strong routine

Most core tasks are happening. Keep going and tighten the items that slip during busy weeks.

85-100

Excellent care rhythm

Your pet benefits from a well-managed hygiene routine. Maintain it and watch for breed-specific needs or health changes.

Important note

This scorecard is for education and self-review only. Persistent odor, inflamed skin, ear discharge, gum bleeding, limping, severe matting, painful nails, or eye irritation should prompt veterinary or professional grooming advice.