



TOPKNOTS

The Yorkie is one of the breeds that should have their hair tied back in a ponytail to stop it falling into their eyes. Some yorkie owners opt to have the fringe trimmed and that can look nice, but in most cases even with a fringe they secure the longer hair into a ponytail.

How to do that topknot. Gently pick up the hair on the forehead up to the outer corner of both eyes and place between the two ears. Secure with a band. Be careful what bands you use as normal elastics can damage the hair. If you do use normal elastics, cut them out in preference to pulling them out. Ensure you do not cut the hair at the same time. Do not pull fur from behind the head into the topknot and do not include the long hair from the base of the ear as this will be uncomfortable for the dog, and limit the movement of the ears. This will also encourage the dog to attempt to remove the elastic. Do not make the band tight, ensure no bits of fur are pulled tight. Also check the eyes that they are not being pulled, if they are loosen the band. You can do this in two ways by using a knitting needle and inserting it just below the band into the hair and gently pulling. You can also use the back of a comb etc. Do this as well to make the poof – the puffy part on the forehead. By doing this the topknot will look and feel comfortable and will not be pulled tight. The topknot should be in the centre of the head, not too far forward on the forehead.

You now have the option of leaving the hair in the band to remain like a ponytail, fall sideways or double



it back and secure once again with a band.



You can then insert the knitting needle into the coat and pull gently this will



give the effect of another smaller poof.

You can now attach your bow or barrette style clip. I find the bands are more useful with my dogs than the clips. The bands are definitely more useful with the smaller sizes Yorkies. The barrettes appear to irritate them. These instructions are purely for the pet owner, as the folk that show, go to far greater lengths to do their topknot. It includes using gel or hairspray and they also tease the hair to make it appear fuller.

If you make a topknot for your dog, brush it out regularly and redo it.

Do not leave barrettes or bows on dogs unattended if they are not accustomed to them.

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