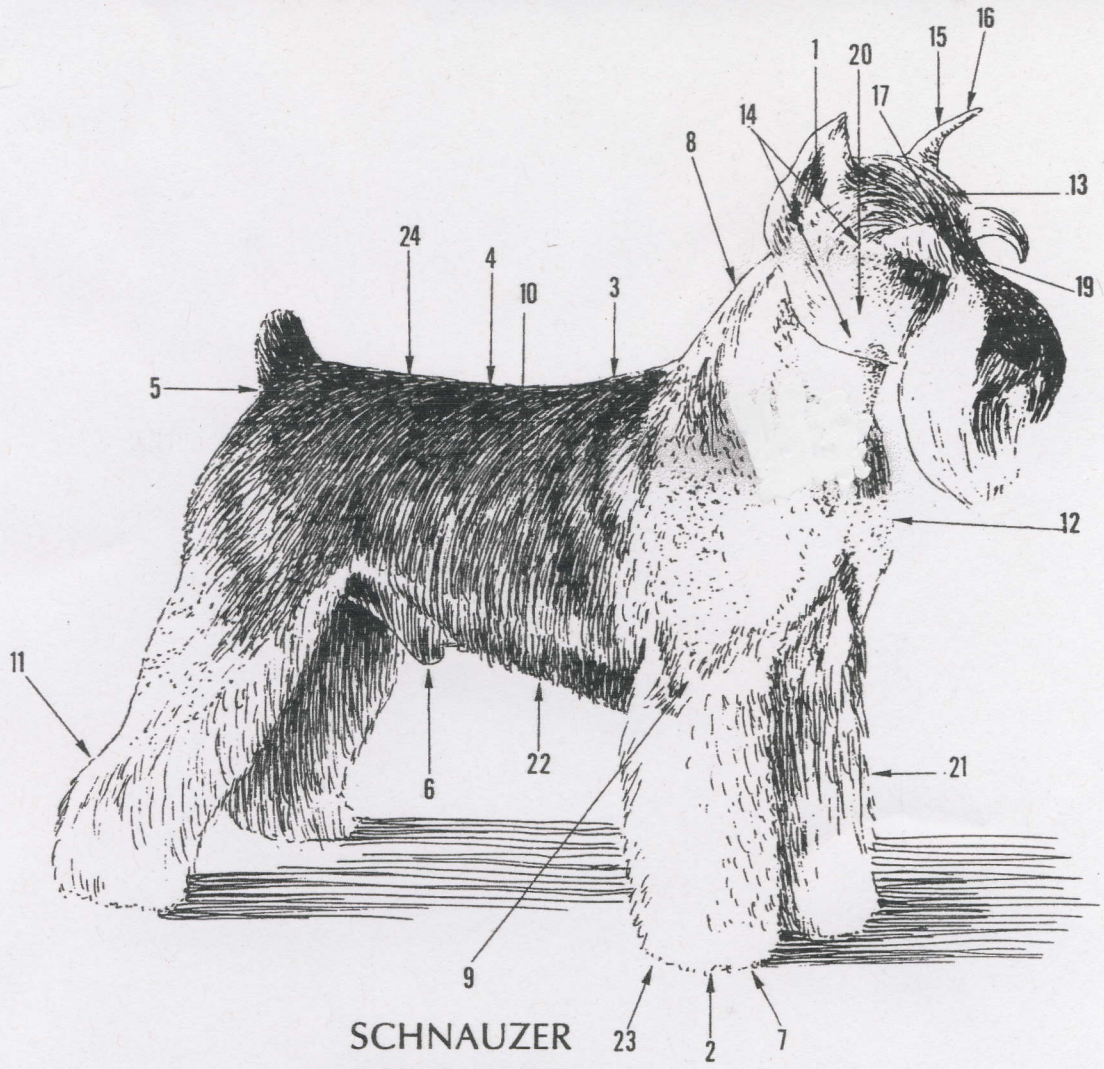
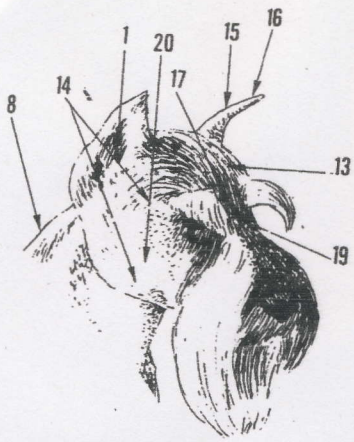


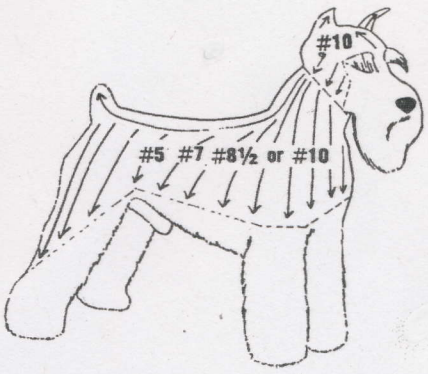
SCHNAUZER
(MINIATURE)

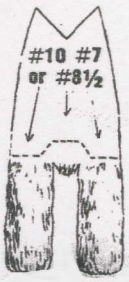
EQUIPMENT NEEDED

Stiff Bristle Brush or Slicker Brush	#10 Blade
Steel Comb	#8-1/2 or #7 Blade
Ear Powder (medicated)	Scissors
Nail Clipper (heavy duty)	Thinning Shears
Oster Clipper A5	Lanolin Coat Conditioner

1. Clean the ears by dusting the inside with medicated ear powder, pulling out any dead hair with your fingers.
2. Cut the nails with a heavy-duty, pliers-type nail clipper to prevent the nails from splitting. Remove only the tips of the nails so as not to cut the quick.
3. Brush the coat with a stiff bristle or a slicker brush. Then comb through the coat to remove any dead hair.
4. Bathe and cage or fluff dry.
5. Clip the hair from the rectum area (about half an inch on either side of the rectum) with a #10 blade. Never put the blade in direct contact with the rectum.
6. Clip the hair from the stomach area (from the groin to the navel) with a #10 blade.
7. Scissor the hair from between the pads of the feet, flush with the pads.
8. Using a #10, #8-1/2, or #7 blade start at the base of the skull and clip down the back to the base of the tail, and clip the entire tail.







9. Clip down the sides of the shoulder and then to the elbow in the front with a #10, #8-1/2, or #7 blade.
10. Using a #10, #8-1/2, or #7 blade, clip down the sides of the body to the flank using the elbow as your guideline. Follow the contour of the dog's body with an inclining line from the elbow to the flank.
11. Using the same blade, clip down the back half of the rear leg to a point just above the hock. Clean the inside (rear half) of the leg lightly with the #10 blade.
12. Clip the neck in the front from the throat to the breastbone on the forechest, using the same blade as on the body.
13. Comb the hair on the face forward and with your #10 blade, clip from one-quarter of an inch behind the eye socket back to the base of the skull.
14. Using your #10 blade, clip the hair from the outside corner of the eye to the base of the ear. Then clip from the corner of the eye down the cheek.
15. Clip the ears clean on both sides from the base out, using a #10 blade.
16. Scissor around the outside edges of the ears to give them a neat appearance.
17. Comb the eyebrows forward and scissor away the excess hair between the eyebrows at the stop to create a "V" shape.
18. Scissor the eyebrows diagonally from the outside corner to the center, leaving them long and vizor shaped.
19. Scissor the center of the eyebrows at the stop to form an inverted "V."
20. Comb the beard forward and, with thinning shears, thin out the line from the corner of the mouth to the corner of the eyebrow so it appears straight.
21. Trim the leg furnishings slightly with thinning shears.
22. Trim the underchest slightly with thinning shears to even out the hair. Here again follow the contour of the dog's body.
23. Scissor around the outside edges of the feet to round them off and give them a neat appearance.
24. Apply a lanolin coat conditioner by first putting a small amount on your hands and then rubbing it onto the coat.

The Miniature Schnauzer should be bathed and groomed every six or eight weeks. The ears should be cleaned weekly and the nails should be checked monthly to see if they need clipping.