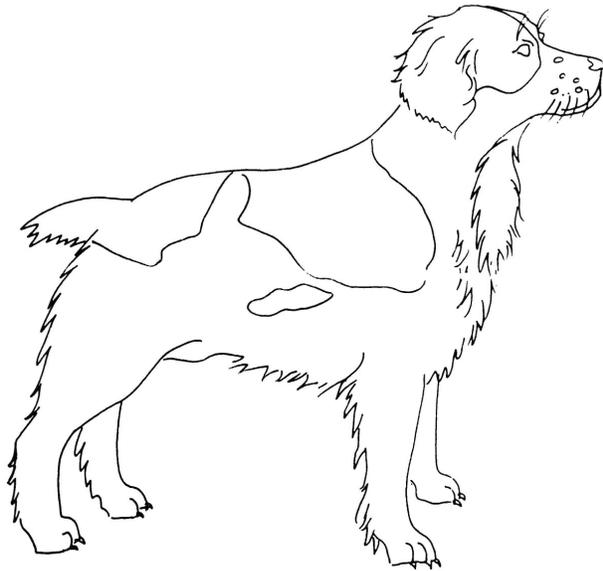
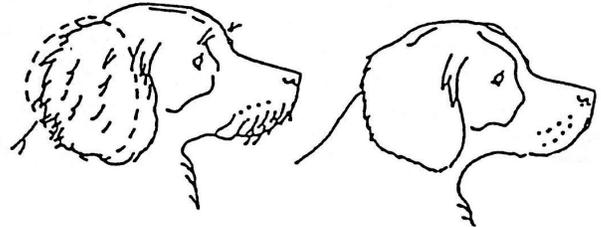


# GROOMING YOUR BRITTANY FOR SHOW

## BEFORE:



Clipper the muzzle with a No. 10 blade to remove whiskers or use scissors. Remove eyebrows. (BOTH OPTIONAL)



## FEET

On front feet, trim dotted area close to the skin, about the size of your thumb. This shortens the appearance of the foot.

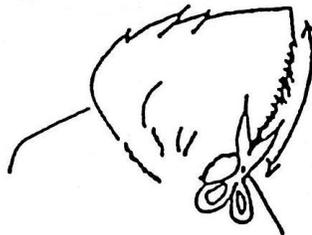


Clean out hair, front and back in this area with scissors. Use blunt scissors to avoid serious injury.

## EARS AND FACE

Clean the underside of the ear with thinning shears going against the grain

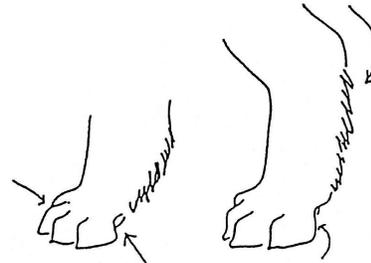
After the underside has been cleaned - trim ear fringe (on back edge only) even with the leather with straight scissors.



Thin dotted area (use thinning shears and stripping comb) enough to give the dog a neat, clean appearance - but never so much that the ears appear low-set and hound-like. A Brittany's ears should be carried high and gay. He should look alert.

Cut hair even (front & back feet) with pad in this area - DO NOT remove hair between pads as this will make the dog appear splay footed even if he has good feet. Keep the nails short

Trim any hair from between the toes that might be sticking up so it is even with the toes.

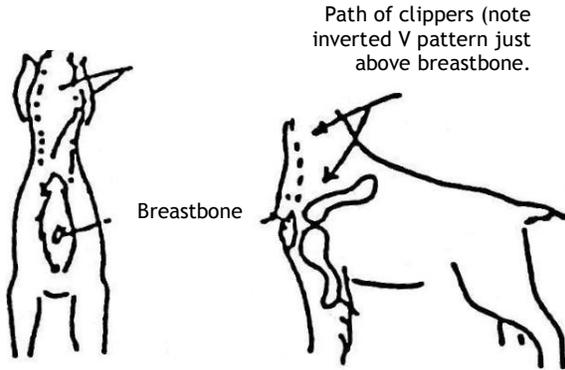


Trim off any fringe here with thinning shears, it looks sloppy.

Cut a sharp angle here. Cut with pointed scissors, but BE CAREFUL !! This also shortens the appearance of the foot.

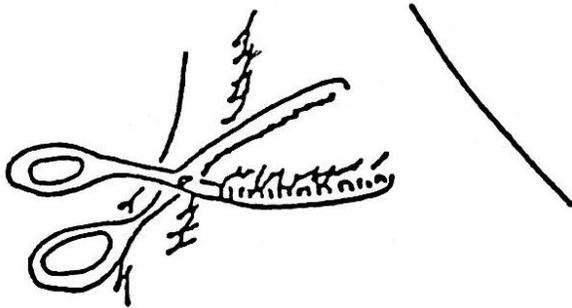
**FRONT**

When clipping the dog, hold dog in position shown in 1<sup>st</sup> picture. Use No. 10 blade going with the grain of the hair in long, even sweeps. Feathering on the chest should start 2" to 3" above the breastbone.



All hair left at the edges of the clipped area is blended in carefully with fine thinning shears (single blade with at least 40 teeth). Clip underneath the fur with shears against the grain and with the teeth on the bottom (as shown below).

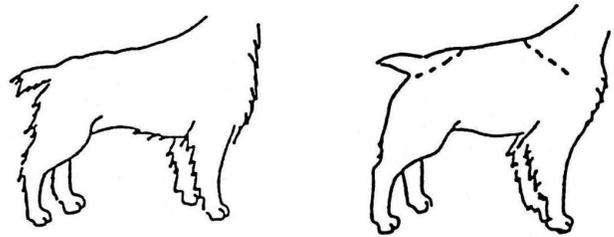
**NECK AND SHOULDERS**



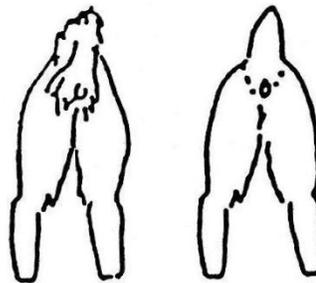
In the beginning - just take a clip or two at a time and comb cut hair away before you start again - until you get the feel of how much you take off with each swipe of the blades. Remember, you can always take more off, but you cannot put it back !!!

Be patient as this part can take hours. No scissor marks should show. This is an art that takes time to develop.

**BODY SHAPING AND REAR**



Thin slightly along dotted lines if needed. Use thinning shears under the hair against the grain. This shortens the look of the body and accents angulation. Clean out area under the tail and around the anus with thinning shears and touch up with scissors. This also aids in shortening the look of the body and gives a clean neat line. Do not shave the tail - only thin it.



Thin along dotted lines up onto rump.

**FINISH:**

