Style Sheet: Clubhouse Pet Baths

1. Bathing suits should be worn to bathe pets (once-a-week). Cats will need to be bathed one-at-a-time. Plan to take a wire cart and a pet carrier for the cat (or, walk the cat if you have trained him/her to walk on a leash). Pet carriers will need to be stored near the ceiling of the clubhouse on an “S” hook. Towels, brushes, nail clips, bath mitts and soap dishes are stored in Pet Earth Totes and green shopping bag storage (pets and humans have assigned Earth tote sections and shelves with shopping bags). The shelves at the end of the loft bed are for storing pet food and treats.

2. Dogs are bathed in an inflatable kiddie pool in the car wash area. To prepare for a dog bath, search YouTube for the following videos: “How to give your dog a bath outside” (by Animalhelper10), “Dog SPA” (by FoxYouDota) and “How to Bathe Your Dog : Dog Grooming” (by Renee Bloom, La de Grooming Salon). Note: Use Bahdack’s method of washing a pet’s face with a wash cloth.

3. Cats are bathed in a folding tub in a Rec Center shower (dowse the location and time). To prepare for a cat bath, search YouTube for “How I Bathe My Cat” (by Bahdack).

Dog Bath
An Intex inflatable kiddie pool (48 in diameter) will need to be inflated with an electric Intex pump. Once deflated (with the Intex pump), the pool will need to be folded and stored in a plastic shopping bag and hung on a white grid gondola (adult area) with an “S” hook. Four inch swivel snap hooks will be needed to attach several leashes to make one long leash. Plan to take a tailgate chair (and an extra person) to secure the leash (on a chair leg)—until the dog(s) get used to bathing (see: “Dog SPA”). It’s possible you may always need to use leash extensions. Pet bath towels and wash cloths are a different color than human towels (with “Pet” iron-on labels). Place the kiddie pool in the sun and fill the kiddie pool with about 4 inches of water. The sun will warm the water in case the tap water is cool. Check the temperature.

Outdoor drains need an environmentally-friendly soap. Glycerin soap is pH neutral for your pet and safe for the environment (these same factors apply for humans bathing outdoors). Bumble Bee bath mitts are for small children who want to lather soap. A large plastic pitcher will help you rinse.

Cat Bath
Cats appreciate clean fur, but they need to get used to water. The Karibu tub (designed for infants) folds flat and hangs vertically. The tub will need to be folded and stored in a plastic shopping bag and hung on a white grid gondola (adult area) with an “S” hook. Set up the tub on the floor of a Rec Center shower. Place a (8" X 15") wire rack in the bottom of the tub (for the cat to grab). Use the plastic pitcher to add about 3 inches of warm water. Store the wire rack on the open shelf in the Montego buffet (under pet dishes).

Cleanup
Pet supplies should be stored in the shelf at the end of the loft bed (or hung on wire grid walls in a plastic shopping bag). When you return to the clubhouse, put supplies away and organize trip to the laundry room to wash pet towels and bath mitts (dowse if you should add any other pet items such as the dog blanket, or cushioned cat bed). Don’t fold the kiddie pool until it is dry. Ask a teen or adult to fold it over a wire gondola — or lay it on top of the clubhouse roof. Fold the pool and store it in a plastic shopping bag when it is dry. Hang the shopping bag on a wire gondola in the adult canopy area (or near the ceiling of the clubhouse).