

Experiment #1
Poodle Hair Straightening

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Objective: The purpose of this experiment is to learn the proper use of the hair decurler and its associated chemicals, and to perform a hair straightening on a poodle.

Equipment/Materials: The equipment used in the experiment were the RONCO Flathair, model 990, Poodle Perfect hair gel, and a 2 year-old Standard Poodle.



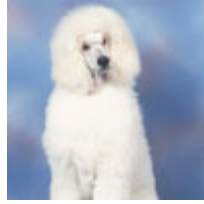
RONCO Flathair model 990

Procedure: The procedure for straightening the poodle hair was to first apply the gel liberally all over the dog's body and let it sit for 5 minutes. The next step was to grab small tufts of hair, and place it in the 990 for 30 seconds. This process was repeated several times to create a large section of decurled hair. Finally it was combed out to make it even all over.

Results: The first time the decurler was applied to the poodle it was set for sheep wool and it burned a patch of hair off the poodle, and I sustained a minor bite from the poodle. After consulting the manual and determining the proper setting for the Standard Poodle the decurler was re-applied with good results as shown in the following photos. The one unanticipated result was the dog's hair was bleached by the gel.



Before



After

Summary and Conclusions: Using the RONCO Flathair model 990, the hair on a poodle was successfully straightened. Proper care to set the decurler should be done prior to application. In future applications less gel will be used to see if the bleaching can be reduced or eliminated.