

Gather Necessary Supplies

So now that you have wonderful **RagaMuffin kittens**, it is time to think about showing them at ACFA, CFA or GCCF shows. Many people find it a lot of fun to go to a show. You get to see different breeds, and it is also fun to watch your **RagaMuffin kittens** being judged. Bring along a friend (maybe one with their own **RagaMuffin kittens** to show) and you can have an enjoyable day or two at a cat show.

The first thing you need to learn before showing your **RagaMuffin kittens** is how to properly bathe and groom them for a show. This article will give you the information you need to get your **RagaMuffin kittens** or **RagaMuffin cats** in tip top show condition. You should always give your **RagaMuffin kittens** or **RagaMuffin cats** a show bath before a show. The judges do notice if a cat is not properly groomed and it reflects poorly on the **RagaMuffin breed**. Don't assume just because your **RagaMuffin kittens** or **RagaMuffin cats** are not dirty, that they are fine to show without a show bath. The judges will look to see whether your **RagaMuffin kittens** or **RagaMuffin cats** received the grooming that they expect of any cat being shown.

Before you begin the show bath, gather the following materials:

Big absorbent bath towel

Groomers Goop

Dawn dish liquid, diluted with water and warmed in the microwave

Cat shampoo (some shampoos are made for specific colors)

Wash cloth

White vinegar

Clarifying shampoo (optional, but really helpful)

Small brush

Cotton balls

Large plastic cup

Blow dryer - if you are going to be doing a lot of showing, having a commercial dryer will save a lot of time. You can buy them used to save money

Metal comb

Nail clippers

Clipping Nails

Before starting the bath, make sure to cut your **RagaMuffin kitten** or **RagaMuffin cat's** nails. They will need to be trimmed prior to the show and you will definitely be glad you trimmed them once you have started the show bath. Also make sure the temperature of your house is comfortably warm.

Pre-Bath Combing

Do a brief combing of your **RagaMuffin kittens** or **RagaMuffin cats** to remove dead hair prior to the bath. Take the wash cloth and put enough warm water on it to make it damp. Use the wash cloth to clean the inside of your **RagaMuffin kittens** or **RagaMuffin cats** ears and gently wipe their face to ensure it is clean. Put a cotton ball in each ear to protect your **RagaMuffin kittens** or **RagaMuffin cats** from getting water in their ears.

Groomers Goop

Put your **RagaMuffin kittens** or **RagaMuffin cats** in the sink without water. Scoop the Groomers Goop and spread it on your **RagaMuffin kittens** or **RagaMuffin cats** body. The Goop will help remove oil from the coat, as well as stains, and it will also help the water to penetrate the coat of your **RagaMuffin kittens** or **RagaMuffin cats**. Once you have applied the Goop, make sure you pay particular attention to the areas that tend to get oily, such as at the base of the back and side of the ears. Thoroughly rinse out all of the Goop with warm water. Rinse until your **RagaMuffin kittens** or **RagaMuffin cats** are totally wet, including their undercoat.

Apply Diluted Dawn

When all the Goop is out of the coat and your **RagaMuffin kittens** or **RagaMuffin cats** coat is totally wet down, take the wash cloth and dip it in the diluted Dawn dish liquid and spread this onto your kittens coat, making sure you get the Dawn over the entire body, except the face, especially the hindquarters and the area at the base of the ears. Take the brush and gently brush the **RagaMuffin kittens** or **RagaMuffin cats** in the direction the fur lays. Also take the brush and gently brush back and forth on the area at the base of the ears, as this area tends to be greasy. Rinse the **RagaMuffin kittens** or **RagaMuffin cats** thoroughly in warm water until you have removed all traces of the dawn.

Application of Shampoo

Next, take your cat shampoo and apply the shampoo with your hands, smoothing the shampoo all over the **RagaMuffin kittens** or **RagaMuffin cats** body, except for the face. Repeat what you did with the Dawn and use the brush to work the shampoo into the coat and brush back and forth behind the ears to remove any traces of oil. After this is done, rinse your **RagaMuffin kittens** or **RagaMuffin cats** thoroughly in warm water until all traces of shampoo are gone. Make sure you rinse the belly and behind the ears and the side of the face.

Clarifying Shampoo

You can then apply the clarifying shampoo. While this is an optional step, it really does help to remove any traces of the cat shampoo. You just apply the shampoo to the **RagaMuffin kittens**

or **RagaMuffin cats** coat; smooth it down with your hands and then rinse the coat thoroughly until it feels squeaky clean.

Vinegar Rinse

The next step is very important. Fill the sink as high as possible (but at least to the point where the water is covering your **RagaMuffin kittens** or **RagaMuffin cats** belly, with warm water. Add about 1/3 cup of white vinegar and mix it into the water well. Take the plastic cup and fill it with the water and vinegar mixture and pour it over your **RagaMuffin kittens** or **RagaMuffin cats** coat. If you can get your **RagaMuffin kittens** or **RagaMuffin cats** to lie down in the water, that is even better. Have them lie down until you see the coat float. Holding your cats head with the ears flaps pinned down to avoid getting water in them, make sure you pour the water with the vinegar over the area at the base of the ears and any area where you have shampooed. Once the entire coat feels squeaky clean, empty the sink and begin rinsing your **RagaMuffin kittens** or **RagaMuffin cats** with warm water. Rinse well to get any smell of vinegar out of the coat.

When you are finished rinsing your **RagaMuffin kittens** **RagaMuffin cats**, squeeze as much excess water from their coat as you can and transfer them to the big towel and wrap them tight. Hold them close to you to keep them warm and let the towel absorb as much water as possible.

Blow Dry

The final step is drying your **RagaMuffin kittens** or **RagaMuffin cats** . This step is also important to give your **RagaMuffin kittens** or **RagaMuffin cats** the look of a show cat. It will keep the hair from clumping together. Most likely your **RagaMuffin kittens** or **RagaMuffin cats** will not like this part, but you must get them completely dry. If you are using a regular hair dryer, make sure you move the dryer over the body rapidly and keep your hand where the dryer is blowing in order to avoid one spot getting too hot and burning your **RagaMuffin kittens** or **RagaMuffin cats**. The commercial dryers do not get too hot and are much faster at getting your **RagaMuffin kittens** or **RagaMuffin cats** dry.

Final Comb Out

Once your **RagaMuffin kittens** or **RagaMuffin cats** are completely, dry give them a really good combing to remove all dead hair. Step back and admire your absolutely stunning **RagaMuffin kittens** or **RagaMuffin cats** and have a great time at the cat show!