



Fursuit care guide

Clothing under the fursuit:

To guarantee your fursuit a long life, we recommend always wearing a balaclava (photo © Outdoor Research) and functional clothing (photo © Loius). Both protect the fursuit parts from sweat. It only lets liquid through, but not dirt. The balaclava can be made of cotton or Lycra. You can find functional clothing for example in a motorcycle store (Louis etc). We recommend not to buy the cheapest goods. **Functional clothing should be washed without fabric softener** to guarantee the function.

Wash the functional clothing and balaclava at least once before wearing it for the first time to avoid color leaks due to sweat. Black clothing can otherwise „bleed“ in a purple/bluish color and ruin the backside of the fur.

1.) Brush your fursuit

The fursuit should be brushed before and after use. This helps to prevent the fur of the fursuit from becoming matted. Your fursuit will lose hair, this is normal. However, this is how you prevent your fursuit from turning into a walking, matted carpet and no one wants to cuddle you anymore ☹️ We recommend a pet hair brush with steel prongs (with or without ball tips).



Before suiting: Make sure the direction of the fur is correct. Brush the transitions from arm to hand paws, from leg to feet paws and from body to tail. Make sure that the mane / hair tuft lies or stands well. You can use your hands to make the cheek fluff stick out a little to the side. This always looks good in photos 😊!

After suiting: Please be sure to brush very stressed areas. This includes the crotch (between the legs) and under the armpits. There the coat gets matted quickly, because the fur rubs together a lot.

2.) Cleaning the Fursuit

Directly after suiting, a disinfectant (Sagrotan) and if necessary an odor neutralizer (Febreze) should be applied to all parts. **Electronic parts and fursuit eyes must be left out or covered beforehand!** Please let the fursuit **dry well** before packing it in a closed box, otherwise it could start to mold.

General: Some parts can be washed in the washing machine. **Do not exceed 30 degrees and select the lowest spin setting.** All parts should be **turned inside out** (if possible) and washed in a **laundry bag** (alternative pillowcase with zipper). After washing, turn right side out again, hang up and brush immediately in the direction of the fur so that there are no ripples in the fur when drying.

Head

Our heads are built on a 3D-printed mask made of PLA. If electronics are installed, **remove the powerbank before cleaning. Avoid circuit board, fan and cables as much as possible** or cover them beforehand. **Fursuit eyes should also be covered!** Inside the head can be wiped with a slightly damp washcloth and then dried with a kitchen paper towel. For the outside (fur) you can also use a slightly damp washcloth. In the case of greater dirt, additional shampoo can be used. Then wipe the shampoo out well with the washcloth. The neck fur can be soaked carefully in the wash sink. For this purpose, a small amount detergent or shampoo can be added to the water. **Please use max. 30 degrees warm water. Then wring out the water. Brush the head fur in the fur direction before drying!**

If more cleaning is needed on the outside of the head or the neck fur, a cleaning device e.g. of the brand Bissell (photo © Amazon) can be used. **Be sure to cover the eyes of the fursuit and do not use water warmer than 30 degrees!** Please read the instructions of the device carefully.



~ OUR HEADS CAN NOT BE WASHED IN THE WASHING MACHINE!!! ~

Body, hand paws, tail and padding.

Illustrated instructions: <https://www.schneepardcreations.com/en/#care>

The above items can be washed in the washing machine. The bodysuit should be turned inside out before washing, then placed in a laundry bag or pillowcase with a zipper. Depending on the size of the washing machine, several parts can be washed at once. **Hand paws can be put into the bodysuit for extra protection. For easy cleaning, the 30min program is sufficient. Max 30 degrees and lowest spin speed.** For larger soiling with grass, soil etc. use the normal delicate wash program (approx. 1h30min). It is allowed to add a **small amount of** detergent as well as fabric softener. If too much detergent or fabric softener was used, the fur will feel a bit strange. As if there is a layer on it. If this is the case, wash all parts again in the short program, 30min, max. 30 degrees, lowest spin speed **WITHOUT** detergent and fabric softener.

After washing, turn the parts with fur right side out again, hang them up (coat hanger, chair back) and brush them immediately in the direction of the fur, so that the fur dries nice and smooth. This may take 1-2 days depending on the weather or season.

There is no need to worry about hand paws with claws and silicone pads. **Put them into the bodysuit** for extra protection, like mentioned above!

Feetpaws (shoe-based)

For easy cleaning after suiting, disinfectant spray (Sagrotan) and odor neutralisator (Febreze) is sufficient. **Please let dry well!**

If, for example, there are small stains on the toes, they can be washed off with a washcloth as well as some shampoo. The toes can then be carefully rinsed off with the shower **at low water pressure.** Make sure that no water gets into the shoe. If water gets into the shoe, please let the shoe dry extensively (heating or sun) so that no mold develops!

In case of coarse dirt (e.g. mud), the feet paws can also be washed in the washing machine. For this purpose, please use the above instructions (30min program, max. 30 degrees and lowest spin rate)! Afterwards brush them well and put them near a heater or in the sun to dry.

Feetpaws (Sockpaws)

Sockpaws are like pillows and can be washed in a laundry bag in the washing machine without hesitation (30min program, max. 30 degrees and lowest spin rate)! Then brush well and put them to near a heater or in the sun to dry. Possibly after drying the filling material must be fluffed up and relocated a little by hand.

Summary:

- Brush your fursuit regularly
- Always leave out or cover electronics and fursuit eyes before cleaning!
- Turn body inside out for washing
- Wash in a laundry bag or pillowcase in the washing machine
- Short program, max. 30 degrees, min. spin speed
- Before drying, turn right side out and brush in the direction of the fur
- Let dry well to avoid mold
- **NEVER** put fursuit parts wet in a closed box

Thank you for your attention and now have fun with your new fursuit 😊

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