

How to Wash Your Elephant

Has your elephant rolled in mud?

Elephants need to be kept clean or they can often become unhealthy. Use this handy set of instructions to ensure you keep your pet squeaky clean.

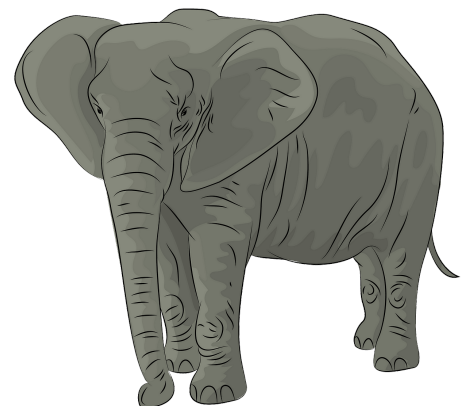
Equipment

- An extra long hose pipe (at least 10 metres)
- A set of step ladders
- A large sweeping brush with stiff bristles
- A bottle of elephant shampoo
- A pair of elephant nail clippers
- A sheet of sandpaper
- A feather duster.



Method

1. Firstly, prepare your elephant for their bathing session in an open area with plenty of space. Make sure that your animal is calm, well-fed and content. It may help to tickle their tummies to relax them if they are nervous about getting wet.
2. Next, prop up the step ladders beside your pet, otherwise it is impossible to reach the top of their body. Climb the ladders carefully as you carry the hosepipe. Use lukewarm water to completely soak your elephant's skin.
3. After that, squeeze a whole bottle of elephant shampoo which hasn't been opened onto the animal/s back. Use the sweeping brush to reach up and scrub every part of their dirty skin. Start at their back and work downwards to their feet.
4. Afterwards, rinse them off until all of the soap suds are gone. Be very careful not to let any of the shampoo drip into your pet's eyes as the pain could cause them to suddenly charge at you.
5. Now, you need to make your elephant lie down. A tasty bun may be helpful to convince them to go down to the ground. Use the sandpaper to file their toenails. As a result, you should watch out for sharp bits of flying



elephant toenail!

6. Finally, you need to gently clean your elephant's nostrils and ears using the feather duster. This can be very dangerous. Move quickly away from your elephant's trunk if they begin to shake or start breathing more heavily. You do not want to be in the firing line of a powerful elephant sneeze.

Enjoy your spotlessly clean mammal, but keep a close eye on them near any muddy puddles.