

MATTED PET RELEASE FORM

LAZY DAISY PET CARE

The need to remove matted hair on a pet is a necessity. When a coat becomes tangled beyond the ability to brush or comb through it, the most humane method is to shave off the matted hair. Shaving may seem severe, but it is the fastest and least stressful way to groom a matted pet. Please do not confuse the term "shaving", it is not like a man getting a close shave with a razor, there is still some hair left (although not much). It can range from 1/2 to 1/16 of an inch.

Matted coats can cause the following problems:

- Skin irritation caused by dirt, dander, bodily fluids trapped under matted hair.
- Parasites such as fleas/ticks
- Sores and hair loss: As mats get tighter, they eventually pull out of the skin, causing bald spots and sore skin.
- Razor burn and nicks/cuts are possible when the matting is so tight. We try to do our best to prevent this, but sometimes it can happen.
- Sunburn if the dog is kept outside for long periods of time
- Intense irritation/itching after the groom due to air getting at the skin for the first time.

It is not uncommon to find preexisting conditions such as hot spots, sores, and other skin issues once the matted coat is removed. There is also a chance that your pet's skin may become irritated from being clipped so close. Ear bruising (also called hematomas) due to excessive head shaking after removal of mats can occur.

Because the procedure takes extreme care and extra time, there will be additional charges depending on the severity of matting. **A mat/strip fee will be applied in addition to the regular groom cost ranging from five dollars to triple the regular groom price.** All pets will be given an oatmeal bath and conditioning treatment to soothe skin. If fleas/ticks are found on your pet, we will give them a flea bath at an extra \$10-\$20 (depending on the amount of parasites).

If you elect to dematt your dog, and the groomer deems it can be done safely and humanely, and the dog will tolerate it, there will be an added

charge of \$1 per minute. (not to exceed 45 minutes) This cost is IN ADDITION to the groom price.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE. I hereby release Lazy Daisy Pet Care from responsibility for the above mentioned shaving process and any problems that may be uncovered or occur during said procedure.

Should my pet require veterinary care during or after the procedure, I authorize Lazy Daisy Pet Care to provide necessary treatment for my pet (if I am not at home at the time of the groom) and I agree to pay any and all veterinary fees.

PRINTED NAME _____

DOG'S NAME: _____

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____