



Best Friends Fur EverSM

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Grooming and Matted Pet Release

Many pet Parents will choose to shave their pet's coat to help with temperature control, ease of maintenance, or removal of coat in bad condition among many other reasons. While our staff will use much care and precaution during this procedure, there are some risks associated with shaving a pet's coat and recently shaved coats will require maintenance to support healthy re-growth.

Risks Associated with Shaving Pets

- Coat may not grow back evenly or may grow in patches
- The coat could look different in color when it grows back.
- Without the protection of their normal hair coat pattern, pets maybe more susceptible to temperature related health concerns.
- Shaving pets may make them more self-conscious and they may behave differently than normal.
- Shaving the pet may reveal pre-existing skin conditions that were unable to be determined prior to shaving
- Pets with underlying medical conditions may have a harder time re-growing hair than other pets.

Maintenance of Recently Shaved Pets

- Maintaining the coat as it grows back is very important as the coat now has no weight to shed naturally and weekly brushing will help support the new growth.
- Regular bathing to help keep the skin and hair follicles clean is important in supporting proper hair re-growth.
- While it is best to keep these pets out of the direct sun as much as possible application of sunscreen may be necessary for pets who are in the sun.

If Mats are found, it is possible that all or part of the coat may not be able to be saved (brushed out) without causing undue discomfort to your pet. For these pets, the matted areas may require shaving. Risks involved with shaving sections of hair due to matting are associated with the same risks and maintenance needs above in addition to the risks of matted hair coats.

Additional Risks with Matted Pets

- A matted coat can cause and hide skin that is red, irritated, swollen or cracked.
- A matted coat can conceal the presence of fleas or other pests.
- A matted coat can make it impossible to determine in advance the presence of any moles, scabs, or other conditions on the pet's skin and that makes it more likely that the groomer may accidentally remove, nick, cut open or damage the moles or skin.
- The grooming process necessary to remove mats may aggravate the pet's skin. Matted pets may experience reactions such as hot spots, irritated or sensitive skin or aural hematomas if mats were located on or around the pet's ears

Although Best Friends Fur Ever's grooming staff is careful and patient with each pet, there is a possibility of injury or discomfort.



Grooming Consent

The following services are included in every groom; nail trim, anal sac expression, ear cleaning, and if necessary ear plucking. Please note any of these you do not wish to have performed on your pet:

I would like to have my pet groomed in the following manner:

- Routine Trim (please notate the desired length): _____
- Puppy cut (face and paws trimmed only)
- Shave down
- Tooth brushing (additional fee of \$14)
- I would like my dog to go back out to play in group if possible

Other Instructions: _____

I certify that I am the owner or a representative for the owner of this pet and have the authority to execute this grooming consent. This pet is being presented to Best Friends Fur Ever for grooming purposes. I am aware that Best Friends Fur Ever requires that any animal brought in for grooming is to be up to date on Distemper, Rabies, and the Bordetella vaccine. I have read and understand the information and risks involved in shaving my pet. I hereby release, Best Friends Fur Ever, from any responsibility of the above-mentioned process and any, and all medical problems that may be uncovered and/or may occur during the grooming process.

Pet Name: _____

Owner/Representative Signature: _____

Date: _____

Best Phone Number: _____