

# MATTED PET RELEASE FORM



THE DOG YOU HAVE BROUGHT TO MUDDY PAW SPA TODAY HAS EXTENSIVE MATTING THROUGHOUT THE COAT. THE KINDEST AND MOST HUMANE THING TO DO IS TO SHAVE THE COAT SHORT ALL OVER. I NEED YOUR PERMISSION TO DO THIS. I CARE ABOUT YOUR DOG'S SAFETY AND WELL-BEING, AND I WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO MAKE YOUR PET'S VISIT AS PLEASANT AS POSSIBLE.

A MATTED SHAVE DOWN IS NOT A PLEASANT EXPERIENCE FOR THE GROOMER OR THE DOG, BUT IS THE SAFEST AND QUICKEST WAY TO RELIEVE THE SUFFERING FROM THE HEAVY, TIGHT MATTS THAT PULL AT THE DOG'S SKIN EVERY TIME IT MOVES. THE WELFARE OF YOUR DOG IS MY TOP PRIORITY AND THEREFORE IF YOUR DOG BECOMES TOO DISTRESSED, I WILL STOP THE GROOM. FULL PRICE WILL STILL BE CHARGED, PLUS ANY DE-MATTING FEES TO COVER THE EXTRA TIME TRYING TO DE-MATT THE COAT. LIKewise IF YOUR DOG BECOMES TOO AGGRESSIVE OR STRESSED DURING THE SHAVE-DOWN, I WILL STOP THE GROOM AND SUGGEST YOUR DOG GOES TO A VET FOR SEDATION TO FINISH THE SHAVE-DOWN, BUT FULL PRICE WILL STILL BE CHARGED.

BY GIVING ME PERMISSION TO SHAVE OFF THE MATTED COAT, YOU UNDERSTAND THAT THE CHANCE OF STRESS, TRAUMA, AND INJURY TO THE DOG IS GREATLY INCREASED (CLIPPER RASH, CUTS, GRAZES TO THE SKIN, ETC.) I WILL CLIP SLOWLY AND CAREFULLY TO PREVENT THIS AND CANNOT BE HELD LIABLE FOR INJURY CAUSED DUE TO MATTING. AS I SHAVE THE COAT, IT CAN REVEAL PRE-EXISTING SKIN CONDITIONS AND HEALTH PROBLEMS WHICH I CAN ALSO NOT BE HELD LIABLE FOR.

HEAVILY MATTED EARS WHEN CLIPPED SHORT CAN DEVELOP AURAL HEMATOMAS. THIS COULD START AT HOME AND IS THE RESTRICTED BLOOD SUPPLY RETURNING TO THE EARS. YOU WILL NOTICE THE EARS BLEEDING (USUALLY FROM THE TIPS) BUT THERE WILL BE NO CUTS APPARENT WHERE THE BLOOD IS COMING FROM. ALTHOUGH I WILL TAKE EVERY PRECAUTION TO PREVENT THIS, A DOG COULD OVERLY SHAKE ITS HEAD AT HOME CAUSING THIS. I WILL GIVE ADVICE ON WHAT DO IN CASE THIS HAPPENS AT HOME WHEN YOU LEAVE THE SALON. AURAL HEMATOMAS ARE ALSO NOT LIMITED TO JUST THE EARS.

SHAVING OFF YOUR DOG'S MATTED COAT WILL CHANGE ITS APPEARANCE DRAMATICALLY AS THEIR HAIR WILL BE VERY SHORT AND CLOSE TO THE SKIN. YOUR DOG'S BEHAVIOR COULD CHANGE IN THE DAYS FOLLOWING THE MATTED SHAVE-DOWN DUE TO THE BLOOD RUSHING THE THE SKINS SURFACE ONCE RELEASED FROM THE HEAVY, RESTRICTING COAT. THEY MAY RACE AROUND THE HOUSE, ROLL AROUND, RUB THEIR BODY ON SOFT FURNISHINGS, SHAKE THEIR HEAD MORE THAN USUAL, OR BE WITHDRAWN, TIRED, AND SULKY. THEY SHOULD RETURN TO NORMAL AFTER A FEW DAYS, YOUR DOG'S SKIN MAY ALSO APPEAR PINKER THAN USUAL, AGAIN FROM THE RESTRICTED BLOOD RUSHING TO THE SURFACE. THERE MAY ALSO BE SORE SPOTS WHERE THE MATTS HAVE PULLED VERY TIGHTLY ON THE SKIN (USUALLY ARM PITS, TUCK UP, AND HYGIENE AREAS). TRY TO PREVENT YOUR DOG FROM EXCESSIVELY LICKING THESE AREAS AS THIS CAN MAKE THE SITUATION MUCH WORSE.

BY SIGNING BELOW I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE ABOVE INFORMATION AND HEREBY GRANT PERMISSION TO MUDDY PAW SPA TO OBTAIN EMERGENCY VETERINARY TREATMENT FOR MY PET AT MY EXPENSE. ALSO, REALIZING THAT MATTED PETS HAVE A GREATER CHANCE OF INJURY DURING GROOMING, I WILL NOT HOLD THIS GROOMING ESTABLISHMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENT OR INJURY TO MY PET.

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NAME OF DOG(S): \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_