**Shaving policy and Consent to shave form:**

There are occasions when a dog may become extremely matted which makes the animal uncomfortable and can cause further health problems and stress. In an extreme case it may be in the dog’s best interest to be shaved. This will allow the coat to completely refresh and be groomed gradually and regularly back into condition. The alternative option is to spend many hours removing all the matts which will cause the dog further stress.

The decision to shave is only taken in extreme circumstances and never without speaking to the owner first. Should this be necessary signed consent is required to ensure that both parties understand the process and the need for this to happen. The dog’s coat will be very short but comfortable. Accepting that this may need to happen is not a sign of a bad owner but of one who cares and recognises the need for help. We can then work together to keep the dog in condition.

Kathy’s Dog Cabin will always keep samples of the coat removed for 6 months.

**Name of dog**

As the owner of the above dog, I agree that if necessary, following discussion with Kathy’s Dog Cabin, that the above dog can be shaved.

**Signed Print name Date**