Wiggins Welding & Fabrication Ltd dba

**Mountain View Kitty Cottage & Pet Services**

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**Shaving/Clipping Waiver Form**

**Client’s full name:­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Cat’s name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Please read carefully and initial after each paragraph.**

1. Although Mountain View Kitty Cottage does their very best to handle every cat with great care, nicks or cuts are possible, especially when shaving very matted, underweight, elderly or agitated cats. Shaving or clipping cats has inherent risks due to the reactive nature of cats, their physiology, health condition of each cat, thin and flexible skin and tiny nipples.

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1. Mountain View Kitty Cottage and the client acknowledge that shaving a cat maybe a preferred method of controlling shedding, allergies, a lifestyle choice, or a necessity, due to extensive matting. There will be additional discretional charges if your cat is very matted or difficult to handle.

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1. Shaving a cat with medical conditions known or unknown can have serious health risks. Shaving can uncover health concerns previously but not observed such as wounds, warts, abscesses, bruising, marbling, tumors, skin disease, parasites, ect. **Repeated shaving causes Follicular Occlusion.** Occasionally a cat may developalopecia(irregular Hair re-growth), rashes is there is an underlying undetected medical issue such as thyroid, diabetes, kidney disease, ect and sometimes self-inflicted irritation after grooming. The owner acknowledges these are possible risks as their personal decision and responsibility, and will waive and liability and hold harmless, Wiggins Welding & Fabrication Ltd doing business as Mountain View Kitty Cottage & Pet Services, for any post shaving medical issues. If the owner is unwilling to take personal responsibility for all post-shaving risks, shaving will not commence, and the cat owner will be referred to having their cat shaved/groomed under veterinary care.

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1. If during the shaving and grooming process, your cats reacts with excessive stress, aggression or defensiveness, Mountain View Kitty Cottage does reserves the right to stop or modify the requested service. Cats that react strongly will be referred to veterinary supervised grooming. It may seem counterintuitive, but most cats that react poorly to clipping or excessive handling are calmer **and less stressed as regular bath and comb clients**. A regular maintenances schedule helps to prevent mats and hairballs. We will not continue to shave a cat if we feel it would be safer for the cat’s health and stress level to be a regular bath n comb client, rather then shaving, especially elderly cats.

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1. Mountain View Kitty Cottage will not shave cats under that go outside in ONE inch coat length months from September to May 15.

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1. Mountain View Kitty Cottage will NOT shave elderly cats as a maintenance solution. It maybe necessary initially to relieve an elderly cat of matting and to get them back onto track. Shaving is very dangerous to an elderly cat because of their delicate skin prone to tearing, dehydrated skin and lack of musculature for them to maintain their core body temperature. This creates a stressful at home health situation after shaving as well. We recommend a regular bath schedule or comb trim for elderly cats who owners prefer trimming as it does not expose them to shaving risks and helps keep them stay warm.

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1. The client acknowledges that shave downs because of severe mats as an on going routine is preventable. The cycle of oscillating from shave down to shave down can be broken simply by keeping the cat clean and combed out by a regular professional bath n comb routine. Bathing a matted cat at home and letting them “air dry” will only shrink and tighten any existing loose or matted hair and make matters worse. If a client is unwilling to make the effort to brake the cycle of matted shave down to matted shave down, the client will be double charged for each subsequent visit. We cannot condone willful neglect.

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1. Mountain View Kitty Cottage does not shave kittens, or do we do extreme shaving such as face, legs, paws, whiskers, or tail tips. These areas contain tactile whiskers, very delicate skin, and/or tendons and ligaments that are prone to damage by nick or cuts. Cats can often fail to recognize a shaven tail tip and will chew them until they are damaged. There is no professional justification to shave these delicate areas.

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1. For comb trims, the client is advised that the results will vary by length and density of the cat hair. A comb shave is a raggy/shaggy cut. Do not expect the same results as a dog trim. Cat hair is extremely fair, the skin sags and bulges, and the clippers are not designed for cat hair. Initial\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. The owner is advised that repeated trimming or shaving will change the natural structure of the hair and may compromise the quality or existence of the guard hair, or colour of the hair and that this is the owners decision and responsibility.

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