



Grooming tips

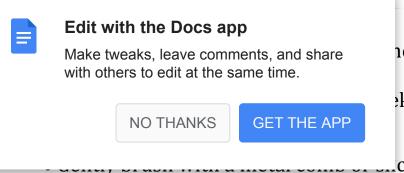
Owning a long haired cat comes with maintenance such as weekly brushing, frequent trimming, and grooming otherwise your cat/kitten can become matted.

Why care about mats?

- Since mats rest tightly on the skin, they often hide pre-existing conditions. Shaving them can cause or reveal injuries such as inflammation, infections, restricted movement, and blood flow.
- Importantly, mats on ears restrict blood flow so they can cause ear hematomas that require medical attention as they are very painful and cause permanent damage to the ear cartilage. Allowing the ear to mat, then removing them is what can cause the hematoma.

Why do mats have to be removed with clippers?

- Mats are removed with clippers because it usually is the safest option since mats tend to be tight to the skin, you risk cutting the skin with scissors.
- Brushing mats out could be painful and cause razor burn.



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through the fur down to the skin.

• Be sure not to go over the same area or put too much pressure over

the same spot more than once or twice, this can cause razor burn.

• Remember to brush or comb your cat's entire body including the tail, inside and outside of his/her legs, and around the ears.

Please note: Cats have thin skin, I advise that cats/kittens should always be groomed by a professional.

If you have any questions, please reach out to your local groomer, myself (breeder), or veterinarian.