

Elderly Dog Release Form – Wary, Hairy and Scary!

- 1) I understand some elderly dogs find grooming an increasingly stressful event. Now that my Dog is aging, his/her opinions of grooming may be changing and cause for increased safety concern.
- 2) I understand every effort will be made to comfort and support my Dog through the grooming process today, however, am realistic to the fact my Dog is now in a **'high risk'** category for incident or injury.
- 3) I also fully understand the importance of honest communication with my Dog's Stylist(s) regarding his/her health, mental/emotional/stamina changes. In return, I will get the same openness and honesty back from the Stylist at the end of the session today.
- 4) I'm also aware that undiagnosed medical issues may be exacerbated by the stress of the grooming today, putting my Dog at an increased medical risk.

Below is a list of known or suspected medical issues my Dog has:

Known/Suspected Health Conditions

Treatments/Meds:

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- 5) I understand that every effort will be taken to keep my Pet safe throughout the grooming session today, however, understand my Dog's behavior and stamina will play a major role in his/her safety.
- 6) I understand that even if my Dog used to like grooming, as he/she is aging, things may be changing. Being in the 'high risk' for injury category means that the Stylist will take the utmost time, vigilance, health monitoring, care and focus during the grooming session today. However, there is a heightened risk of incidents such as nicks, cuts, scrapes, clipper injury due to the unexpected movements/stamina challenges of an aging dog.
- 7) I understand that aging dogs may decide to jerk, bite, act in other unexpected and dangerous ways while the Stylist is using extremely sharp equipment. These sharp and unexpected movements is what can cause serious injury.
- 8) I understand that even though my dog's Stylist is a professional and highly trained and skilled, if an injury were to occur, it is at my expense.
- 9) I understand that grooming an elderly dog often requires additional time, efforts and monitoring. For this reason, there may be **additional fees** over and above the cost of the regular grooming today.
- 10) I understand, **though a VERY rare occurrence**, if there is any injury associated with the grooming of my elderly Dog today, one of the Stylists will take my Dog to Pet Vet to seek immediate treatment. I understand this will be at my expense as is any aftercare the Veterinarian may recommend.

I now understand the reality of additional risks involved with grooming an aging Dog. If there are any issues with the groom today, I have provided the salon with my best contact number. I now feel confident and comfortable to have the Stylists at Shag to Chic proceed with the grooming.

Owner (or acting on behalf thereof)

Pet's Name(s)

Intake Stylist Name

Date