



Matting Acknowledgement

If your pet is severely tangled or matted, it is at greater risk of injury, stress, and trauma. The skin under matted fur is often red, swollen, cracked and dangerous to groom. Matted coats and excessive undercoats can cause a variety of health problems for your pet. Matted fur does not allow for air circulation to the skin, which can cause hot spots, bacteria and fungus infections. Fleas, ticks and other parasites may be hiding in the coat, potentially causing further skin infections. Matted fur also pulls and binds, which often causes pain to your pet.

During the de-matting and/or clipping process there is an increased risk of nicking or irritating the skin, as the skin underneath of the matting is typically raw and inflamed and visibility is decreased for the groomer. This also includes any after-grooming effects of matt clipping procedures, which could include, but are not limited to the following: itchiness, skin redness, hot spots, hematomas, skin chewing, sunburn, or self-inflicted irritations/abrasions from excessive external rubbing, scratching and head shaking. Shaving the hair of double coated breeds could result in clipper alopecia, hair not growing back, and/or a change of coat texture.

Dos Rios Doodles is especially committed to taking every precaution to keep your pet safe while in our care. In the best interest of your pet, should it become medically necessary, we request your permission to obtain immediate veterinary treatment at the cost of the pet owner. Dos Rios Doodles will be held harmless from any accident or issue arising from grooming services.

I understand that any de-matting service may result in additional fees as well as longer grooming time. I also understand that the length of hair may have to be shorter than desired to remove all matting, and for the safety and comfort of the animal.

Pet Name	
Owner Name	
Date	
Signature	