

Grooming Release Form

Accidents

Grooming equipment is sharp, and although we use extreme caution and care in all situations, possible problems could occur including cuts, nicks, scratches, quicking of nails, etc.. In the event an accident does occur, you will be notified of the accident. If Cottage Kennels feels it is serious we will seek immediate veterinary care for your pet.

Health or Medical Problems & Senior Pets

Grooming procedures can sometimes be stressful, especially for a senior pet or pet with health problems, and can expose hidden medical problems or aggravate a current one during or after the groom. Because senior pets and pets with health problems have a greater chance of injury, these pets will be groomed for cleanliness and comfort, in styles that will not add to their stress. In the best interest of your pet, this agreement gives Cottage Kennels permission to obtain immediate veterinary treatment for your pet should it be deemed necessary by staff.

Matted Coats

Pets with severely matted coats require extra attention. Mats in a pet's coat grow tight, and can ultimately damage and tear the pet's skin, which provides a breeding ground for parasite infestations. Cottage Kennels will not cause serious or undue stress to your pet by dematting. Mats can be very difficult to remove, and may require the pet to be shaved. Removing a heavily matted coat can cause nicks, cuts or abrasions due to skin growths trapped in the mats. Heavy matting can also trap moisture and urine near the pet's skin allowing mold, fungus or bacteria to grow, producing skin irritations that existed prior to the grooming process. After-effects of mat removal procedures can include itchiness, skin redness, self-inflicted irritations or abrasions and failure of the hair to regrow. In some cases, pets may also exhibit brief behavioral changes. Prevention is the best defense by scheduling regular grooming appointments, every 4-6 weeks. If your pet needs to be shaved to remove matting, by signing below, you acknowledge that you agree to this procedure, and any risk. There will be an additional charge for this process: it is time consuming, and causes extra wear and tear on grooming equipment. The additional charge can be estimated by the groomer prior to appointment.

Dangerous or Aggressive Animals-Refusal of Service

Cottage Kennels has the right to refuse any services at any time. In the event that your animal is too stressed or becomes dangerous to groom, Cottage Kennels has the right to refuse grooming services, stop grooming services, or cancel grooming services at any time before, during, or after grooming and client will be charged a grooming fee (for what was done up until that point).

Photographs

This release authorizes Cottage Kennels to take photos of your dog for clients file and for our company website/social media pages. All photos taken are the property of Cottage Kennels.

I, the undersigned, agree to the above terms and conditions regarding the grooming of my pet(s). I agree to hold Cottage Kennels harmless for any and all damages, loss or claims to pet or personal property. I authorize Cottage Kennels to seek emergency veterinary services for my pet(s), and I understand I am solely responsible for the costs of such treatment and aftercare. I have read the above and agree to all terms set forth.

Owner Name(s)

Pet Name(s)

Signature

Date