

### **Whiskey's Grooming Matted Dog Release Form**

Matted coats can cause a variety of skin and health problems. Matted fur does not allow for air circulation to the skin causing hot spots, bacterial and fungal infections. Fleas, ticks, maggots, and other parasites may be lurking in the coat causing further skin infections. Matted fur also pulls and binds, causing pain to your pet when they move or lay on mats. The skin underneath is usually raw and inflamed. Matted coats will not dry properly and can lead to rotting fur and skin.

Due to the condition of your dog, Whiskey's Grooming has determined that the only humane thing to do is to shave your dog's coat down. This is a short clip, removing all the matting. Due to the matting, your dog's hair will be shaved extremely short to the skin and may show signs of skin irritation and sores due to the matting, wet undercoat, and dirty undercoat.

The matted hair rests tightly against the skin – the only way of removing mats is to use a short blade to clip between the skin and mats. Your dog may be nicked and cut because the groomer has to work so closely to the skin to remove the matted coat. Our groomers are very careful, but the possibility of injury exists. Understanding these risks, Whiskey's Grooming is authorized to proceed with the de-matting process.

Removing a heavily matted coat can cause nicks, cuts, or abrasions. Heavy matting can also trap moisture and urine near the pet's skin, allowing mold, fungus, or bacteria to grow, and/or revealing skin irritations that existed prior to the grooming process. After-effects of mat removal can include itchiness, redness, self-inflicted irritations or abrasions, and failure of hair to regrow. In some cases, pets may also exhibit brief behavioral changes.

I hereby release Whiskey's Grooming from any liability associated with the above mentioned process and any and all medical problems that may be uncovered and/or occur during the grooming and de-matting process. Should my pet need veterinarian care after or during the process, I (the owner) agree to pay any and all veterinarian fees.

## Whiskey's Grooming Risks of Matted Hair Pictures

*(All images from Google)*

### Potential wounds



**Shaving if brushing matting is not possible**



Dog's name and date of groom \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's signature \_\_\_\_\_