



The Goal of The Sculpted Pup:

Yes, it is easier to shave a matted coat, but we would rather save a coat than shave it! When matting is present it can damage or cause more risk to save it than what it is worth. The Sculpted Pup is dedicated to advocating for your pup with the best course of action that s/he needs. The Sculpted Pup will do its best to prevent any risks that often accompanies shaving the coat. The sculpted Pup will never shave your pup without discussing options with the pup's owner.

Why it happens:

Matting occurs for multiple reasons; inefficient brushing, longer weeks than the recommended grooming schedule, the weather, a combination of dirt and oils, and neglecting the coat altogether. Matting is caused by dense tangles and knots (consistently twisting hair that keeps curling). Your pup's skin begins to tangle in those knots all the while creating unforeseen risks and irritation.

How to avoid matting:

It is essentially important to know a good length for your pup during winter and summer months. If you are okay with your pup being short, typically you can expect a 8 to 10 weeks without grooming. However, it is recommended to do a bath in between your full groom service. If you like your pup on the longer side, ask your groomer about a Maintenance groom. Take a look at recommended brushes and combs that are specific to your pups' breed, and always ask your groomer questions and what they recommend for scheduling.

Remember, it takes two to commit; you and your groomer can work together to create the best experience for you and your pup.





MATTED PUP RELEASE FORM

Matted coats can cause a variety of skin and health issues such as, the skin causing hot spots (constant licking in one area by the dog) and bacterial infections. Fleas, ticks, and other parasites may be lurking in the coat causing further skin infections. Matted also pulls and binds, causing pain to your pup when they move or lay on mats. The skin underneath often becomes raw or inflamed.

Matted coats do not dry properly and can lead to rotting coats and skin. Due to the matting, your pup's hair may need to be shaved extremely short to the skin and may show signs of skin irritation and sores. To take care of a pup that has not been groomed often enough and shows signs of matting or is severely matted will require grooming sessions that may be long, stressful, and possibly painful.

It is the goal of The Sculpted Pup to make your pup's grooming experience as stress-free as possible. Due to the condition of your pup's coat, The Sculpted Pup has determined the only humane way to groom your pup is to shave the coat down. This is a short clipper cut to remove all matting. When the coat is shaved to 1/8th of an inch or less, be cautious that your pup can get sunburned and irritated due to exposed follicles.

Depending on the severity of the condition of your pup's coat, The Sculpted Pup may offer a de-matt session. These are specialized tools designed to work the matting out of the pup's coat, but only when it would not cause excessive pain and suffering. The attempt to provide this service is offered as an additional fee of \$50- \$80 on top of your grooming service. *Please note- this is not offered often. Both groomer and client will discuss the best course of action at the time of check-in *

There is a strong chance your pup's skin will become irritated during or after the clipping process. The Sculpted Pup will use medicated or remoisturizing conditioning products to help soothe any irritation that may occur. The matted hair rests tightly against the skin and the only way to remove it is to use a short blade clip between the skin and mats. Your pup may get nicked or cut due to working closely with the skin to remove the matted coat. Of course, The Sculpted Pup does its best to go as slowly and cautiously to avoid such abrasions.

I have read the information on matting, and I understand the risks that can accompany shaving my matted pup. I understand because of my pup's condition that I am held responsible for any necessary actions at my own expense and will hold The Sculpted Pup harmless of any liability due to the condition of my pup.

Matted pup('s) name _____

SIGNATURE & DATE

