

Shave Policy

When a dog is presented to me in severely matted condition it is my policy to shave the whole coat using electric clippers with close blade. I groom HUMANLEY. De-matting would cause the dog tremendous stress and discomfort, often leaving a very thinned and damaged coat. Shaving the coat is quicker and gentler on the dog. Many dogs are traumatised by unnecessary hours of de-matting, putting them off grooming for life. We consider shaving an act of kindness.

A SEVERELY MATTED DOG CAN SUFFER MANY CONDITIONS

- Hotspots & sores
- Fungal & bacterial infections
- Yeast infections
- Flea infections
- Moist eczema
- Mites & Lice
- Maggot infestations
- Eye & ear infection
- Severe itching

Once the coat is removed, the skin can be red due to the lack of air circulation and dirt that has accumulated underneath. Occasionally, there are sores, these may need veterinary treatment. Dogs tend to scratch and rub their skin after the shaving, this is normal, however some dogs can over scratch, and this may lead to broken skin. If you are in doubt, please consult your vet.

Dogs feel different after shaving, lighter, off balance and cooler, most are glad to have freedom of movement again, and are now full of life. Others seem to take it quite personally that they are bald they hide for days. The skin will feel suede and depending on the colour of your dog, can be quite pink. Regardless of how your pet will look, your pet will feel better.

Book your next appointment NOW. Advance booking ensures you get appointments at regular intervals at times that suits you. Your dog will always look and feel good keeping the coat and skin in healthy condition. Do not wait until he is matted again!

NOW is also the best time to start a home grooming routine, the coat is short and manageable, begin gently stroking over the dog, make the grooming session pleasurable for the owner & dog. After each short session, give a small reward, as the coat begins to grow progress to using a soft brush then a comb. If bathing your dog ALWAYS brush & comb the coat before, and again after bathing. If you don't have to groom your dog at home, consider having him professionally groomed more regularly.

Thank you for understanding that I put your dogs welfare first, we want his grooming experience to be positive and non-stressful. I can not justify hours of torture for sake of good looks. Coat grows back surprisingly quickly the skin benefits, but most of all your dog will be happier. Please take care of your precious dog and comb them regularly.