

MATTED Pet POLICY

Information/Release Form for Happy K9

The skin under matted fur is usually red, swollen, cracked and dangerous to groom. Matted coats and excessive undercoats 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 lurking in the coat causing further skin infections. Matted fur also pulls and binds, causing pain to your pet when they move or just simply lie down.

When a dog is severely tangled or matted, it causes greater stress on the dog to be de-matted. Since your pet has no way of telling us that we are hurting him/her, their only alternative is to bite. Since we do not use tranquilizers at Happy K9, we leave ourselves open to injury. Not to mention the trauma and the pain that goes along with de-matting your dog.

Since skin underneath matt's is already raw and inflamed there are higher chances of nicking the skin during de-matting and/or clipping. In the event that your pet is nicked or cut, your signature below authorizes Happy K9 to obtain veterinary care at your expense. Happy K9 will not be held responsible for any grooming injury to pets with matted coats. This also includes any after-grooming effects of matt clipping procedures, which could include, but are not limited to the following: itchiness, skin redness or self-inflicted irritations/abrasions from excessive external rubbing. Of course, all precautions will be taken.

If you have a long haired pet and wish to maintain the long length, your dog must be brushed and combed thoroughly on a regular basis, either by your groomer or by doing this yourself at home. If you require assistance in the proper tools or proper use of the tools to accomplish this, I will be happy to assist you. Also, please keep in mind that when a short clip is recommended it is for the health and safety of your dog and the fur does grow back, usually in better condition.

_____ I hereby release Happy K9 from any responsibility of the above mentioned process and any and all medical problems that may be uncovered and/or occur during the stripping process. Should my pet need veterinary care after or during the process I agree to pay any and all veterinarians fees for my pet's care. I further agree to obtain veterinary attention for my pet within 24 hrs of the grooming date should such action be advised by the staff of Happy K9.

Name of Pet Owner _____ Name & Breed of Pet _____

Signature of Pet Owner _____ Date _____