

High Risk Groom Release Form

Golden Paw Mobile Spa has determined your pet to be at a higher risk of injury or health issue for present and future grooming services due to:

- Moderate to severe matting
- Senior Dog (old age)
- Health Concern: _____
- Other: _____

Hair Matting:

Dogs with matted coats require extra care and attention. Matted hair restricts air circulation and can cause a variety of skin issues like irritation, hot spots, excessive itching and parasite infestation. These issues may remain hidden during the initial assessment of your dog and mat removal may expose pre-existing irritation, cuts or sores hidden underneath the matted hair for which we will not be liable.

Mat removal may result in shorter than expected haircuts, hair loss, hair patchiness and an unattractive or unfinished appearance. The removal of mats increases the risk of nicks, cuts or abrasions and may leave your dog's skin irritated. Shaving can dramatically change your dog's appearance and hair will be very close to the skin. Previously agreed upon grooming styles might not be possible due to health or coat conditions. You will still be responsible for payment for any services that are completed regardless of previously discussed styles.

Severe matting and/or pelting will result in additional surcharges, depending on the severity of the problem and the time required to correct it.

Senior Age and/or Health-Compromised

Dogs can experience stress during a grooming appointment simply by being outside of its home. Any grooming that takes place on a senior dog or a dog with health problems will be at the owner's risk. Grooming may expose a pre-existing health and/or skin problem for which we will not be liable. Elderly or health-compromised dogs are also at a higher risk for nicks, cuts and skin irritation from grooming due to the increased fragility and sensitivity of their skin. Further, elderly dogs can be more susceptible to dehydration, which decreases skin elasticity and can cause additional health issues.

Certain illnesses and conditions including, but not limited to, diabetes, heart murmur, hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, seizures and being overweight result in a higher risk of incident during grooming appointments.

By signing below I acknowledge my dog is at a higher risk of negative occurrence during the grooming process due to the issue(s) discussed above. I agree to not hold Golden Paw Mobile Spa or their employees responsible for any nicks, cuts or other health issues for the present and future services performed. In the event of any injury or other health issue, I will be solely responsible for any veterinary treatment that may occur as a result.

Client Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name (please print): _____