

**Lilac Cottage Dog Grooming**  
**MATTED DOG RELEASE FORM**



Under the Animal welfare act of 2006 (updated 2010), section 5 –

“all animals are to be protected from pain, injury, suffering and disease.”

Matted (tightly tangled &/or knotted) coats can cause a variety of skin & 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 foreign objects may be lurking in the coat causing further skin irritation or infections.

Matted fur also pulls and binds the skin, causing pain to your pet when they move or lay down. The skin underneath is often raw and inflamed. Matted coats will not dry properly and can lead to rotting fur and skin. A matted dog may show signs of skin irritation and sores due to matting, wet undercoat and dirty coat. To de-matt a dog that has not been groomed often enough or thoroughly enough usually results in a long, stressful, or painful grooming sessions in which some dogs may never recover from that experience.

It is the goal of Lilac Cottage Dog Grooming to make your pet's grooming experience as stress free as possible. Therefore Lilac Cottage Dog Grooming refuses to de-matt coats that have become so matted & tangled that when doing so may cause stress, pain, injury &/or suffering. Lilac Cottage Dog grooming will always strive to act in the animals best interest & remove matted & tangled coats in the most humane manner possible.

Due to the condition of \_\_\_\_\_'s ( Pet's Name) coat, Lilac Cottage Dog Grooming has determined that the only humane action that can be taken at this time is a shave off. This is a short clip, removing all the matting. It is unfeasible to de-matt/brush out a coat in this condition and would cause excessive pain and suffering to attempt to do so.

Lilac Cottage Dog Grooming will be happy to show you how to care for your pet's coat for the future, however, due to the stress and pain it will undoubtedly cause, this is not an option at this time.

There is a chance that your pet's skin will become more irritated during the clipping process. We recommend using a medicated shampoo to help sooth any irritation that may occur. Due to the matts being tight against the skin, the only way of removing them is to use a short blade to clip between the skin and the matts. There is a risk that your dog may be nicked and or cut because of the tightness of the matting & the need to work so closely to the skin with the clippers to remove the coat. In the case of some dogs, protection from the sun/cold may be required after clipping for as long as it takes for the coat to re-grow to a protective length.

All possible care will be taken, but the possibility of injury exists and by signing this form & leaving your pet for grooming you acknowledge you are aware of the condition of your pets coat, the possible pre-existing issues and the risk of clipping a matted coat as stated above and you give Lilac Cottage Dog Grooming permission to proceed.

Lilac Cottage Dog Grooming is not responsible for injury's sustained due to the condition of your pets coat.

Pre-Assessment of coat condition & Estimate £\_\_\_\_\_

I , .....( Owners Name -Print),  
have read the above & understand that my pets coat will be clipped close to the skin to remove all matting. Should my pet need Veterinarian care during or after the process, I agree to pay any Veterinary fees for my above-mentioned pet's care. I release Lilac Cottage Dog Grooming from any responsibility of the above mentioned process including all medical problems that may be uncovered and or occur during the clipping process while working on my pet. I understand that the pre-assessment estimate may increase dependant on the coat condition and pets behaviour at time of clipping down appointment.

\_\_\_\_\_(Owners Signature).      Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinary Surgery/Clinic: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinary Contact Tel.: \_\_\_\_\_