



MATTED DOG RELEASE FORM

Matted coats can cause a variety of skin and health problems. Matted fur prevents proper air circulation to the skin, which can lead to hot spots, bacterial and fungal infections. Fleas, ticks, maggots, and other parasites may also be hidden beneath the coat, causing additional skin issues. Matted fur pulls tightly on the skin, causing pain and discomfort whenever your pet moves or lies down. The skin underneath is often raw, inflamed, and irritated. Matted coats also do not dry properly, which can lead to moisture becoming trapped against the skin, resulting in rotting fur and skin infections.

Due to matting, your dog's coat may need to be shaved extremely short to the skin. Once the coat is removed, underlying skin irritations, sores, bruising, or redness caused by the matting, trapped moisture, and dirty coat may become visible. Grooming a severely matted dog can be a lengthy, stressful, and sometimes uncomfortable process. In cases of extreme matting, more than one grooming session may be required to safely and humanely complete the grooming process.

It is the goal of Sable's Suds N' Sweets to make every pet's grooming experience as safe, comfortable, and stress-free as possible.

Based on the condition of your dog's coat, Sable's Suds N' Sweets has determined that the most humane course of action is to perform a shave-down, removing the matted coat with a short clip. Whenever it can be done safely and without causing unnecessary pain or stress, we will work to de-mat and brush out portions of the coat. However, we will never attempt to preserve coat length if doing so would compromise your pet's comfort, health, or welfare.

Because mats rest tightly against the skin, there is an increased risk of skin irritation during the clipping process. A soothing or medicated shampoo may be used to help calm any irritation revealed after the coat is removed. Since the only safe way to remove severe matting is to clip carefully between the skin and the mats using a very short blade, there is also an increased risk of accidental nicks, cuts, or clipper irritation despite every precaution taken by the groomer.

Our groomers exercise the utmost care and attention throughout every grooming service. However, when removing severe matting, there is an increased risk of skin irritation, clipper burn, nicks, cuts, bruising, or the discovery of pre-existing skin conditions that were hidden beneath the matted coat.

By signing this acknowledgment, you understand these risks and authorize Sable's Suds N' Sweets to proceed with the de-matting and/or shave-down process as deemed necessary for your pet's health, safety, and comfort.

At Sable's Suds N' Sweets, we are happy to educate pet parents on proper coat maintenance and home grooming techniques to help prevent future matting. We strongly recommend scheduling your pet's next grooming appointment before leaving the salon and speaking with one of our grooming professionals about an appropriate maintenance schedule based on your pet's breed, coat type, and lifestyle.

I hereby release Sable's Suds N' Sweets, its owners, employees, and groomers from any liability associated with the de-matting and/or shave-down process, including any pre-existing or previously hidden medical or skin conditions that may be revealed during grooming. Should my pet require veterinary treatment during or following the grooming service as a result of the condition of the coat or skin, I understand and agree that all veterinary expenses are my sole responsibility.

Owner's Name (Print)	
Date	
Owner's Signature	
Vet's Name & Number	
Dog's Name	
Breed	



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