



MATTED PET RELEASE FORM

Removing matted hair is necessary. When a coat becomes tangled beyond the ability to brush or comb through it, the most humane method is to shave off the matted hair. Trying to untangle a matted coat is time-consuming and stressful for the pet, and in many cases, painful.

Matted coats can cause the following problems:

- ✓ **Skin irritation** caused by dirt, trapped water, dander and parasites (*fleas/ticks*) trapped under matted hair.
- ✓ **Sores and hair loss** – As mats get tighter, they eventually pull out of the skin, causing bald spots and sore skin. In severe cases, maggots can infest skin sores.

It is common to find pre-existing conditions such as hot spots, sores, and other skin issues once the matted coat is removed. There is also a chance that your pet's skin may become irritated from being clipped so close. Our groomers are very careful, but the possibility of injury exists due to the lack of proper grooming, causing the matting to occur. Bruising due to excessive shaking after removal of mats can occur.

Understanding all of these risks, and understanding that other health issues may arise, VLP GROOMING & SPA is authorized to proceed with the de-matting process. X_____

Because this procedure takes extreme care and time, there will be additional charges depending on the severity of matting. Our dematting/detangling rate is \$20 for every twenty minutes needed to resolve this condition.

I, _____, hold harmless VLP GROOMING & SPA from any liability or financial responsibility arising from any injuries during or directly afterwards as a result of the stripping process from grooming my matted pet.

Dog's Name: _____ Breed: _____

Owner's Name (print): _____ Date: _____

Owner's Signature: _____

A portion of all proceeds will be donated to Animal Rescues in South America.