

**EDGEWATER ANIMAL SHELTER (EAS)
GROOMING RELEASE FORM**

Pet's Name _____ Breed _____

Owner's Name (printed) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number: _____ Alternate Phone Number _____

Email address _____

We want your pet's experience here to be pleasant and as enjoyable as possible. It is important to understand that some pets respond to grooming differently, even with the best efforts. Sometimes pre-existing conditions arise unforeseen such as skin allergies, shampoo allergies, moles, clipper sensitivity, matting and tangles, fleas, fear, behavioral issues, bone or joint sensitivity, heart condition, seizures, etc. It is helpful that you, as the pet owner, inform me of anything that you are aware of prior to grooming.

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, causing hot spots, bacterial and fungal 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 lay on their mats. The skin underneath can be raw and inflamed.

Severely matted coats will require a short clip. We will be happy to show you how to care for your pet's coat for the future, however, we cannot brush out a coat that is already severely matted due to the stress and the pain it will undoubtedly cause your pet.

There is a chance that your pet's skin will become more irritated during the grooming process. He/She may be nicked or cut because we have to work so closely to the skin to remove the coat. We are very careful, but the possibility of injury is there, and you need to be aware of this and give me permission to proceed.

It has been our experience that when a pet is shaved down (as it is called in the grooming profession), pre-existing conditions may appear. When a pet is very matted, air cannot get through to its skin. If the pet has a sore and bites itself, the skin will become sore and will not be able to heal through its matted coat. Shaving uncovers these skin conditions, as well as other skin problems that may have developed from the lack of air and grooming. Please note that it is difficult to shave a matted pet without slightly irritating the skin. **THE ONLY WAY WE WILL CONSIDER SHAVING YOUR PET WILL BE WITH YOUR CONSENT.**

If fleas are found on your pet(s), it is EAS's policy to give a flea bath and Capstar 24 hour flea pill automatically without calling or notifying you. The charge for this service is \$10.00. This cost covers the special shampoo, Capstar, time and extra clean-up to insure no fleas are active. Flea shampoo and Capstar kills the fleas on the pet. If fleas are in the home or pet area, the flea shampoo and Capstar will not protect the pet(s) from them once they leave EAS.

If your pet has a history of biting, we require notice of such. This will help prevent injuries to the groomer and your pet(s).

Although accidents are very rare, there is a risk when dealing with pets. EAS will inform you immediately of any incident that occurs or that we notice. **Your pet(s) safety and comfort is our number one priority.** I further understand and agree to indemnify and hold harmless EAS, its owner, employees and affiliates from and against any and all liabilities, expenses, damages, and costs, including reasonable attorney fees, resulting from any service provided or injury including death to your pet(s) whether in our care or after our services have been completed.

EAS reserves the right to refuse service to customers whose pets may pose a threat to our employees and other pets left in our care, whether it is aggression problems, health problems or parasite problems other than fleas.

We advise that dogs be current on all vaccines including Bordetella (kennel cough).

I hereby release Edgewater Animal Shelter from any responsibility of the above mentioned process and any and all medical problems that may be uncovered and/or may occur during grooming or after grooming.

Should my pet need veterinarian care during or after the process, I give Edgewater Animal Shelter full authorization to seek medical treatment from an immediate veterinary in the case of any medical emergencies while my pet is in their in the care. I agree to pay any and all veterinarian fees for my pet's care.

Signature _____ Date _____

Groomer's Notes: