

Risks of Matting:

Matted fur in dogs can pose various risks and challenges during the grooming process. It is important for dog owners to be aware of these potential issues. By signing this release form, you acknowledge the following risks associated with matting:

1. **Skin Irritation and Infections:** Mats can trap moisture, debris, and bacteria close to the skin, leading to skin irritation and infections. During the grooming process, removing mats may expose underlying skin conditions or create an environment conducive to skin issues.
2. **Pain and Discomfort:** Mats can cause discomfort and pain for the dog. The process of detangling and removing mats may cause temporary discomfort, and in severe cases, it may lead to skin irritation or soreness.
3. **Changes in Coat Appearance:** The removal of mats may result in changes to your dog's coat appearance. Trimming or shaving may be necessary to effectively address matting, and this could alter the length and texture of the coat.
4. **Risk of Injury:** Mats can hide underlying skin conditions or skin abnormalities. Grooming tools used to address matting may inadvertently cause injury if not handled with care. Dogs with severe matting may be at a higher risk of nicks, cuts, or skin abrasions during the grooming process.
5. **Stress and Anxiety:** The grooming process, especially when dealing with mats, can be stressful for dogs. The handling required to address matting may cause anxiety or stress-related behaviors.
6. **Post-Grooming Sensitivity:** After mat removal, the skin may be more sensitive. Dogs may exhibit signs of sensitivity, including scratching or rubbing the affected areas.

Liability Disclaimer for Matted Shave Downs:

I understand and acknowledge that if a matted shave down is deemed necessary, it may pose additional risks, including but not limited to the risk of injury. I release and discharge Whisker Wash Co, its employees, and agents from any liability for injuries that may occur during matted shave downs. I understand that matted shave downs may be necessary for the well-being of my dog and grant consent for Whisker Wash Co to proceed with such grooming procedures. By signing this release form, I acknowledge that I have read and understood the risks associated with matting and matted shave downs, and I voluntarily agree to its terms.

Client's Signature: _____ Date: _____