



# DOUBLE COAT POLICY

## DOUBLE-COATED DOG WAIVER

Here at Bee & Bloom Grooming, we do not recommend shaving down double-coated dogs. It is important to realize that shaving a double-coated dog can have a long-term effect on your dog as it will impair the texture and feel of the dog's natural coat as well as removing its top layer of protection. This will result in the coat not being able to fully grow back which in term can have an impact on your dog well being. Razor burns are likely which can be painful for the dog and take a while to heal. Dogs with double coats tend to have more sensitive skin so being exposed to the sun and its UV rays will be harmful to them.

We will speak to the owner and only if it is decided that it is absolutely necessary for the health and well-being of the dog, we will shave the dog. We may seek advise from your vet on the matter. Under no other circumstance will we shave a double-coated breed. We aim to provide you with the best possible service and will only recommend what we think is best for your dog's coats and their well-being.

### Here are a few examples of Double-Coated Breeds:

- Scottish terrier
- Beagle
- Shih Tzu
- Golden and Labrador Retrievers
- German and Australian Shepherds
- English Shepard
- Cairn terrier
- Pomeranians
- Siberian Huskies
- Chow Chow
- Border Collies
- Newfoundlands
- Corgis
- Cavalier King Charles

## REASONS WE DON'T RECOMMEND SHAVING DOUBLE COATED DOGS

- Skin problems can occur. Razor burn, sore spots, and skin irritation can happen due to your dog feeling the need to lick and scratch following their grooming session
- The undercoat acts like insulation and is there to regulate the dog's body temperature, shaving this can effect their temperature regulation.
- Shaving may seem to help shedding but they are just shedding tiny shaved lengthed hairs
- The top coat can be damaged beyond repair which can make shedding unpredictable and uncomfortable for the dog.
- The undercoat may become damaged exposing the dog to heat and insect bites.
- Alopecia may occur in severe cases. Patches of fur may be shorter than in other areas and in worst case scenario may not grow back at all
- The top coat can take up to two years to fully grow back. The texture may be completely different than before the shave, Bald patches may occur too.
- Shaving can distress the dog and make them feel uncomfortable
- The dog will be exposed to the elements and may get a sunburn, heatstroke, and worst case skin cancer. It may be necessary to take extra precautions for the dog following a full shave such as clothing and sunscreen. We are here to offer advice on this.

It is extremely important to weigh up all of the factors mentioned above before attempting to shave a double-coated dog. We will speak to the client and agree together on what the best plan of action is.

Having read this form and acknowledging the above conditions may occur from a shave down, I hereby release Bee & Bloom Grooming and its employees from any liability that may occur including injury to my dog. I agree that Bee & Bloom Grooming will not be held responsible for any claims or liability that arise from shaving down my dog's double coat. This includes any medical conditions following the shave down.

Client Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_