

The Pampered Pet Palace

Cat Shaving Release Form

At the Pampered Pet Palace (PPP) I do the best to handle every cat with great care. Nicks or cuts can happen, especially when clipping very matted, elderly and/or agitated cats. Clipping cats has inherent risks due to the reactive nature of cats, their physiology, tiny nipples and thin, fragile skin.

PPP and the client acknowledge that clipping the cat may be the preferred method to control shedding, to alleviate allergies, as a lifestyle choice or a necessity due to excessive matting. There will be additional discretionary charges if your pet is very matted or difficult to handle.

Clipping a cat with serious known or unknown medical conditions can have serious health risks. Clipping a cat may uncover health concerns previously not observed such as warts, wounds, abscesses, bruising, marbling, tumors, sores or parasites. Occasionally a cat may develop alopecia (irregular hair regrowth) or rashes if there is an underlying, undetected medical issue such as thyroid, diabetes, kidney disease, etc. or sometimes self-inflicted irritation after grooming. The owner acknowledges these possible risks as their personal decision and responsibility and will waive any liability and hold harmless PPP for any post-clipping medical issues. If the owner is unwilling to take personal responsibility for all post-clipping risks, the owner will be referred to their veterinarian for clipping.

A cat on a regular bath and comb-out schedule becomes less stressed than a cat that comes in infrequently to be clipped short. A regular maintenance schedule prevents matting and hairballs (which as potentially lethal). I will not continue to shave a matted cat as a long-term solution if we feel it would be better for the cat's health and stress level to be on a regular bath and comb-out schedule.

PPP will not groom sedated/medicated cats. These cats should only be groomed under veterinary supervision. I appreciate full disclosure of any past grooming history or experiences for the safety of your cat and mine. Purposely omitting past experiences and hoping for the best is negligent and dangerous for all parties involved.

PPP does not recommend cats with access to the outdoors be shaved from October 1st – April 30th for their protection from the weather in the Northeast. If a cat must be shaved due to excessive matting, please keep them indoors until the weather is warm enough.

PPP will not shave an elderly cat as a maintenance solution. It may initially be necessary to relieve an elderly cat of matting. Shaving is especially dangerous to elderly cats because their delicate skin is prone to tearing, their lack of musculature and their wrinkly, dehydrated skin.

Additionally, shaving them makes it difficult to maintain their core body temperature. We recommend a comb clip for elderly cats whose owner prefers trimming as it does not expose them to shaving risks and help maintain body temperature.

PPP will not do extreme shaving such as shaving the face, legs, whiskers or tail tip. These areas contain tactile whiskers cats use and need to navigate their environment. A cat may not recognize a shaved tail tip and will chew on them until damaged. It would be considered unprofessional to shave these areas.

I have read and understand the risks associated with agreeing to having my cat clipped. I hereby assume all risks; I waive liability and hold harmless The Pampered Pet Palace in the event of an injury resulting from the grooming process. I agree this waiver will be kept on file and be applied to the current or any future services requiring clipping my cat.

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Pet Owner Signature

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Date