

Oregon Tails Pet Salon – Cat Waiver

Basic Bath/Brush/Comb Out:

When your cat is not matted, we can do a basic soothing bath, light blow dry, and brush out on them. This service includes the bath, blow-dry, comb out, claw clipping, and ear cleaning only. A sanitary trim of the rear end or private areas can be added on at the owner's request. We can also do a more in-depth de-shed treatment to remove dead coat and reduce shedding.

Dematting

Light mats that the groomer deems safe and painless to remove can either be brushed out or clipped leaving the rest of the coat on the cat. This may result in short areas, patchy areas, and shaved areas. For heavily matted coats that would be painful to your cat to remove, we will request your permission to shave the cat. We will not bathe and blow dry a matted cat, as moisture causes mats to get tighter, and can possibly rip the skin open.

Taking your Cat's Hair Short

The term "Lion Cut" is used by cat groomers to describe the haircut done on cats when they are completely shaved down. Professional cat groomers use a set of clippers to shave the cat's hair very short on the body.

There are a number of reasons why a cat would be shaved into a lion cut. It is unsafe to try and cut out matting with scissors or without proper training. If your cat is either matted or you are interested in getting a Lion Cut done, it is best to seek out a qualified professional cat groomer. Shaving a cat will drastically change how they look!

What does a Lion Cut look like?

This trim is shaved very close to the skin on the body, belly and chest, leaving long hair on the legs, around the cat's head and leaving a "pom" on the tail. Professional groomers can tailor this look to the client's preference, as long as high-risk areas are not trimmed. These high risk areas include, further down the legs and paws where skin, ligaments, and tendons are sensitive to nicking, any whiskers on the cat (including by the muzzle, above eyes and backside of front paws), and too high around the face and tail.

Who gets a Lion Cut and why?

Cats can get lion cuts whether they are long or short-haired. The most common reason for a lion cut is matting. If a cat is already matted, the best and most humane option is to shave the cat into a lion cut, then get the cat on a regular grooming schedule to prevent matting. Regular lion cuts can also be a good way to prevent a cat from becoming matted. Matting is not the only time a cat gets a lion cut; shedding and allergies can be reasons as well.

Who should NOT get a Lion Cut?

Not all cats are candidates for getting shaved. Cats that are highly aggressive, elderly, or in poor health can be at a higher risk for becoming stressed or nicked during shaving. Speak with your professional cat groomer to determine the best grooming schedule and services for your cat

A Cat and Groomer’s Safety During Grooming

If a cat becomes very fractious or difficult to handle when approached for grooming or during grooming, or the cat cannot be safely approached, contained, or groomed, without causing undue stress for the cat and owner, and possible injury to the groomer, the groom will be stopped and the cat will be referred to a vet for grooming under anesthesia. Charges for services rendered to that point will be the responsibility of the owner, to be paid in full by the end of the appointment. We do not “force” cats to endure more than they can handle during grooming.

A bath and blow-dry comes complimentary with a cat haircut. If a cat cannot endure a bath and a blow-dry without becoming stressed, this process will not be done but it does not reduce the price.

A cat bite can be a career ending injury for a groomer, usually resulting in a hospital or urgent care visit. Your cat’s safety and the safety of our staff is our top priority.

How long Does a Cat Groom Take?

We do NOT give a time estimate on cats or promise a cat to be done at a specific time because we move on a cat’s time frame. We give rest breaks between every step and often have multiple groomers assisting on a cat’s groom.

If you desire for your cat to be done at a specific time, we can block off our schedule so they are the only pet in the salon. This service is charged at \$72 an hour. Otherwise, we always call when your pet is ready for pick up. **Please do not rush us when grooming your cat.** A cat takes time and patience in order to stay stress-free.

Please sign and date that you have read and understand this form in its entirety. You authorize Oregon Tails Pet Salon to groom your cat in a safe and comfortable manner. You can have a copy of this Cat Waiver at your request.

Client Signature

Date Signed

Printed Name

Name of Cat