



## **Hello I'm Daria,**

I am born and raised in Calgary/and area. I've been working within the animal care industry for about 3 years now. I have a 4-year-old Great Pyrenees mix named Moose. I rescued him in 2018 from a rescue just outside of Strathmore, and we've been soulmates ever since. I also have a rabbit named 14 Carrot, he's 6 years old and I've had him since he was a baby from the Calgary Humane Society.

### **How long have you been grooming?**

I've been a bather here at the salon for a year now.

### **What's your favorite part of grooming? Do you have a favorite breed to groom?**

My favourite part about grooming is washing the dogs' cute little faces in the bathtub. My favourite breed to groom

would have to be either a Golden Retriever or a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, because they are always total sweethearts. I would love to have a Golden Retriever one day.

### **What is one piece of advice you like to offer to dog owners to help maintain the coat between grooms?**

Brush, brush, brush! It is so important for so many reasons. Brushing helps to prevent painful knots and mats, reduces shedding, and distributes natural oils in the coat.

### **In your opinion, what is one misconception about a groomer's job?**

That the job is "easy." As much as we would love to be able to just sit around and play with puppies all day, our jobs are so much more than that. Our jobs are very physically demanding as we are on our feet all day long and bending down lots. The job also requires a lot of patience as not every dog enjoys or tolerates being groomed and can be quite un-cooperative.

### **What makes grooming special at Hair of the Dog?**

The amount of care and mindfulness put in by each person at the salon. They are always informing owners of any abnormalities or concerns noted on the dog during the appointment. It shows that they genuinely care about the health and well-being of each dog that comes through the door.