

**Double-Coated Shavedown or Short Haircut Waiver: Oregon Tails Pet Salon**

You have requested that Oregon Tails Pet Salon **shave** down your double-coated dog. We will honor your request to **shave** down your double-coated dog, with the assumption that you are aware of the following risks and understand and accept responsibility for them:

- **Shaving** down a double-coated dog will DRASTICALLY change the way they look. They will not only be **shorter**, but their coat will change color. When we remove their “guard coat” all that is left is undercoat, so your dog will be the color of their undercoat after we **shave** them.
- **Shaving** down a double-coated dog may cause the hair to grow back in patches. Their hair may never be the same. This can include patches or chunks of fur that never regrow, or total destruction of the guard coat. Once the guard coat is gone, the dog may not even be the same color anymore. Markings specific to each dog are most prevalent in the guard coat, or top coat. Once this is removed, only the undercoat is left, which has very minimal color markings.
- **Shaving** down a double-coated dog may mean their hair might not grow back AT ALL.
- **Shaving** a double-coated dog will in no way reduce shedding. It will just cause them to shed shorter hairs, which can actually be even more of a nuisance.
- **Shaving** down a double-coated dog puts your dog at risk for sunburn, especially if they are light colored and fair-skinned.
- **Shaving** down a double-coated dog may result in hyper pigmentation of the skin- Darkening of the skin where the coat has not grown back.
- **Shaving** down a double-coated dog does not make them cooler in hot weather. A dog's coat is their insulation, both against cold **and** heat. Since dogs don't have sweat glands all over their body like us, shaving the coat to expose the skin would not have the same effect as taking off your sweater if you feel too warm.
- **Shaving** a dog for the first time may result in brief behavioral changes, especially if you as the owner react negatively to the haircut.
- **Oregon Tails Pet Salon does not recommend shaving a double-coated dog. We recommend a bath, blow-dry, and deep de-shedding regimen to control shedding hair and to keep your dog healthy.**

Knowing that any and all of the above conditions can occur I authorize Oregon Tails Pet Salon to shave down my pet (Pet's name) \_\_\_\_\_. I hold Oregon Tails Pet Salon harmless if any and all the above conditions occur on my pet. You will be asked to sign this waiver every time we **shave** your double-coated dog. **I have read and agree to this waiver.**

Owner's Signature or Agent accepting responsibility: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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