

Hello! I am Rebecca!



I am a mid twenties gal that loves to groom! When I am not working on primping pooches I fill my time with hiking, camping, collecting taxidermy and skulls, staffing summer camps, gardening, and cross stitch! I suppose you could say I love an old-fashioned way of life. My biggest dream is to one day own a farm, have a couple of babies, and raise my own food to support my community. I surround myself with beautiful creatures, mainly: Paige (my girlfriend), Delilah (Great Dane- often found lounging on a table or carrying Luthor's bed around), Darwin (Sphynx cat aka the wild animal that lives in my house) Rudy (Dutch rabbit who is BFFs with Darwin), and Sandra (Bearded Dragon who loves a good salad and swim).

I have been in the grooming industry for almost 6 years. I started as a bather in April 2016 and began an apprenticeship shortly after. Working from the bottom up

definitely taught me to appreciate the hard work bathers do early on! After moving to Edmonton in 2018 I really grew into the groomer I am now! I have attended many online and in person seminars on breed specific and pet grooming.

My favorite part of grooming is seeing the dogs that I have become besties with. It is truly rewarding to see an anxious or fearful dog blossom into a wiggly kissy pooch that is super excited to come through the door and get pampered! My all-time favorite breed to groom is a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel. They have the nicest temperaments and are always ready for a mid groom smooch break!

If I were to give **advice to owners**, it would be to invest in good equipment for home use and use it often! A good brush and comb are worth its weight in gold. Please never hesitate to ask us what brushes to use for your breed or how to use them! I would much rather teach an owner how to properly brush their pet than turn Fluffy into a naked mole rat due to matting. Just remember *brush your dog to the skin- or else its get's the shave again*

One misconception is that we have an easy job playing with puppies all day. The truth is that we have a body breaking job, carpal tunnel, chronic back pain and hearing loss are just the tip of the iceberg. Factor in being bitten, scratched, peed on, and pooped on, and you have a recipe for one burnt out groomer. Many people can not do this job for long due to the strain it puts on our mental and physical health.

What makes Hair of The Dog special is that we genuinely care about the dogs we see. We try our darndest to build a relationship with each pet and get to know their personalities. We keep notes on every single dog, so we know when they might be tender in an area or if they are starting to lose their vision. We want to make their lives happy and comfortable, and the only way we can do that is by building a relationship with them.

