

Bath and Biscuits Grooming Contract

It is the owners' responsibility to ensure their dog is fit and healthy and you must notify us of any issues prior to their appointment.

Grooming of sick or elderly dogs is entirely at the owners' risk.

Grooming may expose underlying skin or health problems that we cannot be held liable for.

Our first concern is the welfare of your dog, so in the event of injury, illness, or any exposed health issues including skin conditions, we may deem it necessary to either call a vet for advice or to attend to administer care, and unless it can be clearly proven that we are liable, all costs in connection with carrying out veterinary instruction or treatment shall be at the owners' expense.

We recommend you have Pet Insurance.

NO BITE POLICY

- One bite can put a team member out of work for several weeks. Some bites can cause severe permanent damage or disfigurement. Because of this, we take all necessary precautions when working with aggressive or nervous dogs.
- We reserve the right to refuse service to dogs that pose a potential bite risk, for the safety of both your dog and our staff.
- You MUST let us know if your dog has ever bitten someone or is known to show fear aggression.
- Grooming times take longer when working with these dogs, and therefore additional fees will need to be added to the standard grooming price.
- You MUST tell us if your dog is aggressive towards people or other dogs. For safety reasons we may deem it necessary to use a muzzle and this will incur a fee of £10.00 to cover the cost of equipment. Additional fees may also be incurred and will be added to the standard groom price.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

- We will only accept dogs who are currently up to date with all vaccinations. An unvaccinated dog puts itself and others at risk.
- We DO NOT accept - under any circumstance - a dog who is under sedation of any form.
- We WILL NOT accept a dog who is known to have sickness & diarrhoea (without prior veterinary approval). A charge of £15.00 will be incurred for any clear up we have to do; this covers specialist cleaning equipment and extra time taken. The cost of the appointment will still be due upon collection, regardless of whether the groom has been completed or not. We will ask that you pick your dog up immediately, a sitting fee may also be charged if the dog isn't picked up promptly.
- We DO NOT express anal glands; we believe that a veterinarian should do this.

- We DO NOT pluck ears, as this is classed an invasive procedure. We will maintain inner ear hair growth by clipping only.
- We DO NOT groom pregnant or weaning bitches.
- It is very important that once an appointment is booked that you arrive on time when dropping off or collecting your dog. Any dog arriving more than 15 minutes late may be refused service, as this affects the timing of the next grooming slot. Being late for collection will also affect the next appointment, resulting in a possible cancellation of service, this in turn affects revenue. Failure to adhere to scheduled timing in either instance will incur a fee to cover inconvenience and loss of earnings. Fees are charged at £10.00 per 30 minutes (or part thereof) for lateness and at full groom price if a cancellation is caused.
- We require at least 48 hours' notice to cancel or rearrange an appointment. If we are not afforded this notice, there will be a 50% fee to cover inconvenience and loss of earnings, this must be paid before another appointment can be made.
- If you do not show up for a booked appointment - you will be charged the full groom price to cover loss of earnings and inconvenience to trade. If this occurs more than once, we reserve the right to cancel your contract under breach of terms. Any outstanding fees owed must be paid before another appointment can be considered.
- All payment is due, including any incurred extra fees, upon collection of your dog and can be made by card or cash. Or, by card over the phone prior to collection.
- All new clients are required to pay a deposit to secure their first appointment - this will usually be £20.00, but for clients who have been quoted an estimated cost of more than £50.00 we will require a 50% deposit. The deposit is non-refundable if a booked appointment is cancelled or rescheduled for any reason, regardless of notice given. If the appointment is attended, only the balance and any incurred extra fees will be due, the deposit will be deducted. If you do not show up for this appointment, with no contact, we will retain the deposit and invoice you for the balance of the appointment price.

If you are dissatisfied with your dogs' groom, please let us know within 48hours and we will do our best to resolve it for you.

We also require the attached registration form to be completed to the best of your knowledge. If you do not tell us something that we deem to be necessary information (this may include, but not be limited to aggressive or difficult behaviour, a medical condition, past injury etc.) we reserve the right to cancel the contract under breach of terms.

We reserve the right to refuse/stop services at any time before or during the grooming process, this could be due (but not limited to) an aggressive or stressed dog, behaviour, a health concern or safety issue. Any costs accrued must be paid upon collection.

We have an area for safe hand over located at the rear of the building, any client requiring this must ask at booking so that we can make the necessary arrangements required.

EXTRA FEES THAT MAY BE INCURRED DURING GROOMING

Guidelines set out by our governing bodies (Animal Welfare Act 2006, PIF, BIGA & DEFRA) state that de-matting a dog by brushing for more than 20 mins is unacceptable, due to the possibility of causing trauma to the skin, and it is advised that if a dog is matted the best course of action is to shave off the coat.

- Localised knotting and tangling can be safely removed with brushing and combing, but as this takes time there is a de-matting charge of £15.00. This will be added to the standard groom price and is due upon collection.
- If the dog is so matted as to be deemed a health or welfare issue to the dog, we will NOT opt for the de-matting option and WILL shave the dog. As this is a very delicate process and takes extra time, this will be charged at £25.00p/h and is non-negotiable, this fee will be added to the standard groom price and will be due upon collection of the dog.

Quotations for grooming are based on an average dog of the breed type, but owners must remember that some dogs will require extensive extra work, this will be charged accordingly and added to the standard grooming price.

- Dirty dogs, muddy, sandy etc: will incur a fee of £8.00, this covers the cost of extra products used and time taken.
- Dogs who have faeces or urine (whether theirs or another animals) on their coat, will incur a fee of £10.00 to cover the cost of professional health & hygiene equipment, extra products and time taken.
- You MUST inform us if your dog is NOT neutered or spayed.
- Entire males over the age of 12 months will incur an additional £10.00 fee, this is to cover any clean up that may need to be done and to ensure the safety of other clients.
- Unspayed females over 6months, and females in season will incur an additional £15.00 fee, this is to cover any extra clean up, and extra staffing measures required to ensure the safety of the dog.
- If during the grooming process we notice the dog has fleas, we will clear them at the owners' expense. This is charged at £15.00 per dog, this covers the cost of professional products & the decontamination of all areas the dog has frequented. If we cannot clear the infestation, we will stop the groom, regardless of what point during the groom this may be and ask that the owner collects immediately. Any charges accrued must be paid upon collection.
- The removal of ticks is charged at £1.00 per tick.
- Dogs whose personalities denote extra time and attention, whether for safety or other reasons will incur fees charged at £10.00 p/h.
- Dogs whose behaviour has been deemed dangerous, unruly, difficult to handle, and therefore need extra staffing for safety will incur fees charged at £15.00 p/h.
- If a dog has been deemed to be a bite risk and needs to be muzzled a £10.00 fee will be charged.

- WE STRONGLY ADVISE TOILETING YOUR DOG BEFORE AN APPOINTMENT – ANY SOILING IN EITHER THE SALON OR SHOP AREA WILL BE CHARGED ACCORDINGLY.
- ALL FEES ARE CHARGED BASED ON OUR COMBINED ETHICS, EXPERIENCE AND PROFESSIONAL OPINIONS AND ARE NON-NEGOTIABLE.

BY SIGNING BELOW, I CONFIRM THAT I HAVE READ, UNDERSTOOD AND AGREE TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET BY BATH AND BISCUITS.

PRINT NAME:.....

SIGNED:.....DATED:.....