

A Lion Cut / Welfare Cut is chosen as the treatment when a cats coat is severely matted by more than 50% and they are close to the skin of the cat. Shaving off the matt is the safest and kindest way to treat this and can many times be the only option open to you. Matting can reduce the cats movements and mobility. This may be decided on the phone as a change to original consultation and must be confirmed by email immediately before the shaving treatment can begin.

If Matting is extremely difficult or the skin already appears damaged or sore, or your cat is showing signs of anxiety or distress you will be asked to consult your vet. The treatment will not go ahead. The Booking Fee to hold your appointment is non-refundable as the appointment will not be able to be filled in this time scale.

It is not appropriate to try to de-matt the coat on cats that are severely matted. I only carry out ethical grooms that are comfortable and safe for your cat. No force will be used to continue or complete a groom. If it becomes apparent that it needs to be done over more than one session, I will notify you immediately by phone. This may be due to health and or temperament. This will be at an extra cost and not within the realm of the original sessions costs. This will need email confirmation immediately and the current session's fee paid in full before collection of your cat.

When shaving is performed it will be agreed that the look of your cat could be uneven once shaved off. This could be in several areas. In many cases a smooth finish can be achieved but not at the cost of stress levels to the cat. Severe matting pulls fur from the skin and some areas will appear pink and bare due to cats movements having pulled the matt away from skin. Any of these options will dramatically change the look of your cat but a usual regrowth is approximately 4-5 months depending on your cat's age and health. Full beauty of the coats 3 types of hair that make up fur can take up to 18 months to appear.

A Lion cut removes all fur back to skin level leaving the fur on the cats head, legs from elbow and back legs to ankle level. The tail can be saved if not too severely matted. However if the tail is also matted a third will be saved from tail tip to prevent the cat chewing its own tail. This will appear Pom Pom like visually. Some cats require a Buster collar to prevent the cat from licking the skin.

### **Shaving will expose areas of skin issues:**

1. Fleas can infest under the mats despite flea treatments. An appropriate flea treatment should be sought from your vet as it is not advisable to apply spot on flea treatments to shaved, irritated skin that the cat may lick and ingest.
2. Sore Skin can be relieved by a bath and most cats can tolerate this. However for some cats after difficult removal of pelts and mats it may be decided that it is inappropriate to bath on the same day due to higher sensory levels. A Buster collar could will be required for a few days to prevent the cat from over licking skin and making sore red patches due to itchy skin. These are available in vets and pet stores. It is a good idea to have one at home. A bath may be offered on another appointment at a second appointment cost.
3. Skin rashes, irritations, sores or infections may lie beneath a pelt or mat. These must be assessed by the cats vet and treated as soon as possible. Flea bites can cause a type of dermatitis that can only be diagnosed by the vet and treated accordingly.



Some areas of skin are delicate and thin, particularly in older cats which can appear paper like. Great care is taken but shaving these skin types increases the risks of minute nicks to skin or cause a little skin irritation as with any shaving. A Buster collar is recommended for the first few days.

Purrs and Furr cannot take responsibility for the above mentioned discomforts and finished appearance of your cat including skin irritations, injuries, damage to coat etc caused by the badly matted condition of the coat. If your cat becomes too uncomfortable during the shaving process, or is distressed at all, I will contact you immediately, end the grooming session and ask to resume on a separate occasion or request vets referral. All full payments will apply from the first session, paid in full before collection of your cat.

**A minimum charge of £95 is involved in Lion cuts.** The Booking Fee to hold your appointment is therefore £95 due the high level of work and the time that it takes to do such work safely and within the cats ability. This fee will be taken off the total cost of the appointment on the day. The added costs may be extra time needed, or to treat dandruff and grease but not limited to these. There is a chart of all add on prices on the Services page of the Purrs and Furr website.

<https://purrsandfurr.catgrooming.uk/services/>

I only want to shave your cat once. To avoid future cases of matting, I offer regular scheduled appointments to prevent a return of the matting. This is essential in cats who do not allow grooming at home who have a high risk of repeat cycles due to shedding of all cats every year. Grooming starts a mother / kitten bonding, we want your cat to enjoy the process. I offer discounts on Schedule Appointments please feel free to ask about these.

If you understand and agree with the above please sign and bring with you to the grooming session.

Pets Name:

Pet's age:

Date:

Breed of known:

Pre-existing health conditions :

Customers Signature:

Print Name: