



Shaved Dog Release Form

I have asked Heavenly Scent Pet Resort & Spa to '**shave**' my dog's hair off for reasons including but not limited to shedding, unmanageable coat for the time I have available, parasite and debris attraction, and appearance. I understand that '**shaving**' means to remove *up to* 90% of my dog's hair with a clipper and a short blade. I understand that Heavenly Scent Pet Resort & Spa recommends against '**shaving**' due to several health concerns caused by shaving and the potential the coat may never return to its previous state.

Health concerns include but are not limited to

1. Sunburn
2. Inability to maintain appropriate body temperature in both hot and cold temps.
3. Inability to defend against parasites
4. Permanent alteration to the guard/top coat in double coated dogs.
5. A permanent change in the color of the top coat
6. Clipper alopecia- the hair follicle is permanently damaged and does not grow back or grows back patchy, discolored and/or of a different texture.

Heavenly Scent Pet Resort & Spa also informed me that in some cases dogs that have been '**shaved**' may suffer from one or more side effects including:

1. Clipper Irritation: After being '**shaved**', some dogs with sensitive skin could develop a rash from clipper irritation.
2. Rug Burn: Some dogs may go home after being '**shaved**' short and rub their face, rear, or body along a rug, chair, sofa, or bed causing rug burn, a red irritated area on the skin where they have rubbed.
3. Scratch marks: Some dogs that have been '**shaved**' short may go home and scratch with their freshly clipped nails and cause red welts and scratches on their body where they have scratched themselves.
4. Behavior Changes: Because the exposed skin feels dramatically different due to airflow across the skin and inability to protect against temperature variations, some dogs behave skiddish, hide, sulk or appear 'embarrassed' and hide when returned home. This may last well into the coat regrowth.

I have been informed by Heavenly Scent Pet Resort & Spa that my dog's coat is currently in good condition and alternatives to shaving have been explained including:

1. More frequent groom schedule to manage shedding, parasites and appearance.
2. A tight maintenance trim taking certain areas of the coat very short but retaining the top coat for protection against the elements.

I have read the above and understand my dog may exhibit some or all of these outcomes of shaving the coat. I have given Heavenly Scent Pet Resort & Spa permission and instruction to shave my dog's coat to a finished length of approximately _____ inches long. I hold Heavenly Scent Pet Resort & Spa and all of its employees harmless for whatever condition my dog develops associated with being shaved.

Heavenly Scent Pet Resort & Spa Representative _____

Owner/Representative Name: _____ Dog Name(s) _____

Owner/Rep Signature: _____ Date: _____