

LAKE CITY ANIMAL CLINIC, INC.
574-267-8511

Date _____

Owner's Name _____ Pet's Name _____ Date of Last Groom _____

Grooming Instructions _____

Pick Up Time _____ Call When Done _____

Regular grooming is an essential part of your pet's health. For most breeds we recommend grooming every 4 to 6 weeks to prevent coat matting and skin irritation. We will check your pet for fleas infestation while it is here. If fleas are found, we will deflea your pet at the appropriate fee. This is necessary to prevent infestation of other animals and will also insure that your animal will not take the fleas back to your home.

Owner's Initials _____ Day Phone _____

If you applied a topical fleas treatment such as *Revolution* or *Frontline* in the last 30 days: Please List _____

In the event that a groom can not be completed without a light sedation, I give my permission to administer it with the understanding that there is always a slight risk involved with the use of any tranquilizer. There will be a minimum fee of \$25.00

Owner's Signature _____

The Medical Importance of Grooming Your Pet

Being gorgeous takes work. But there's a lot more to pet grooming than making Lucy or Rover look fabulous. The important thing is to keep her/him clean and healthy. Grooming is an important part of preventative medical care, and regular care will help prevent serious medical problems - not to mention make your pet look, smell, and feel better. By having your pet groomed regularly, you can detect infections and growths before they become a problem.

Coat - Dogs require regular bathing to keep their skin and coat healthy, and brushing between baths will get rid of tangles and mats. Brush your cat weekly to decrease the number of hairballs it ingests. Longhaired and senior cats should be brushed more often to prevent mats from forming. Mats on dogs and cats are painful and can cause skin infections, and matted hair around the hindquarters is especially painful and dangerous. Take a peek at your pet's bottom every now and then to make sure it isn't blocked or infected. An extremely foul smell signals trouble. With dogs, scooting is often a giveaway.

Nails - In general, your dog's nails are too long if you can hear his tap-dancing on your floor. For both dogs and cats, long nails get caught in carpet or cause them to slip. On some pets, nails curve around and grow into the feet, causing pain and infection.

Ears - Ear cleaning is important in preventing ear mites and infections, and pets with hairy ears need extra attention. Healthy ears smell and look clean, and anything different should be examined right away.

Eyes - Keep the hair around your pet's eyes clipped short enough so that it can see properly. Long hair that dangles into the eyes can cause irritation or damage to the cornea. Also, the matter that collects in the corners of eyes should be cleared away regularly (for some pets, daily) so that the debris doesn't create sores.

Teeth - Routine oral care is essential in reducing disease and increasing your pet's life expectancy. Tartar buildup not only causes bad breath and unsightly gums but can eventually lead to periodontal disease and problems in the vital organs. Prevent pain and disease by bringing your pet in for regular check-ups and instituting a regular cleaning routine.

Groomers Comments _____

Next Grooming Appointment Recommended _____