

Long-haired breeds during their stay at The Dog House

When we go on holiday most of us want to relax, enjoy, explore, and have fun. The same rule applies to our canine companions. At The Dog House, we try to make your dog's holiday a haven where they can run, explore, scent, swim, bog surf, climb, slide, play, and have a great deal of fun every day! For short-haired dogs returning from these adventures, it is easy, they may need a quick wash down and dry. For long-haired dogs, it's not that simple.

Although long-haired shaggy dogs (particularly poodle crossbreeds) may look fantastic and are soft to touch, when they return from a woodland adventure, they need a great deal more maintenance to return them to their natural healthy condition. Most long curly, fluffy-haired dogs with impractical overgrown coats return from a walk with foreign bodies caught up in their fur; mud, burrs, bramble, thorn, grass seeds, etc. So, they take a trip straight to our grooming salon. Firstly, they have any burs/thorns carefully teased out, or if necessary, cut out of their coat. This is followed by a bath/rinse down with warm water. (If mud is left in their fur, it will cause mats which can become incredibly uncomfortable (if not painful), especially around their sanitary area and armpits. They then have to be dried thoroughly, most importantly to avoid moist dermatitis (commonly known as hot spots), and then need to be brushed thoroughly to avoid any matting. This process normally takes at least an hour depending on breed, size, and length of coat.

We always ask for fluffy and single-coat long-haired breeds to be clipped to a practical length during their stay, for their best interests the maximum length we accept is half an inch (13mm) – It will of course soon grow again! Although most dogs enjoy being pampered, having a lengthy bath and daily detangling is tiring for a dog and it isn't good for the condition of their coat, skin, or your pocket. When we ask to give your dog a haircut, please consider the circumstances of why we ask. Our canine guests are having a Wild, Welsh, Wilderness holiday after all.

Would you go for a run in the countryside dressed in a ball gown?