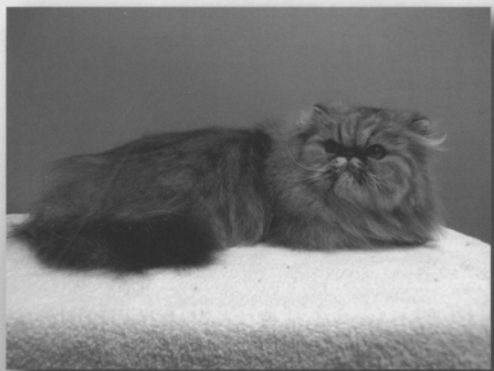


Cats mat. It is a fact. Whether long hair or short hair, purebred or domestic, they get matted over time. While regular combing will help to prevent the mats, the best defense is a thorough degreasing bath and blow dry. This is where the professional cat groomer comes in.

They can turn this...



into this



What causes matting?

Cats are naturally oily. Their skin produces oil that spreads throughout the coat if given enough time. Some cats are greasier than others and some become greasier with time, especially if they have certain health issues.

Cats naturally shed. This is true regardless of coat length. In fact, short hair cats usually shed more than long hair breeds. As the hair sheds, the greasiness of the coat makes it gummy enough to cause some of the shedding hair to stick to the hair that is not shedding. This, in turn, creates a small tangle. Usually these small tangles are imperceptible to the eye and are hidden in the coat, making them easy to miss when petting or combing the cat.

With time, hair continues to shed under and around the tangle. Instead of falling away, it sticks to the existing tangle, making it bigger. At this point, it becomes a mat. Several mats can form at one time, in various places on a cat's body. Eventually, if left to themselves, these mats will come together to create one giant mat, or pelt. The pelt also begins to pull closer to the skin at this point. If too much time goes by before it is removed, the pelt will be so close to the skin that sores can develop underneath.



The results of matting?

If matting on a cat is severe, a groomer will have to shave it down in order to remove all mats and give the cat a clean, fresh start to growing a new coat. This requires patience on the part of the cat and the groomer. This process is painful for the cat. When a cat must endure the discomfort of having its mats removed, even the sweetest, most compliant cat can become aggressive toward the groomer. Cats are strong and fast and can do a great deal of harm with their teeth and claws. This puts the groomer at risk of serious, permanent damage.

An even more serious result of allowing a cat to become severely matted is the risk of the cat's life. Cats get stressed easily, which affects their heart. The process of mat removal causes stress on even the most laid-back of cats. If a cat is older, obese, or has health issues, especially those that are undetected, they are at a high risk of sudden heart failure due to stress. In short, allowing a cat to become matted can ultimately cost its life.

Regular and Proper
Grooming Care Will
Make Your Cat A
Happy Cat!