

# **Long haired dogs 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 for your canine companion. At The Dog House we try to make your dog's holiday a canine 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 dog's returning from these adventures is pretty easy, if needed a quick wash down and dry then to relax in the comfort of their room, or on warm days sunbathing out on the lawns. For long haired dogs it's not that simple.

Although long haired shaggy dogs may look fantastic and are soft to touch, when they return from a woodland/ marshland adventure, they need a great deal more maintenance to return them to their natural healthy condition. Most long fluffy haired breeds with impractical overgrown coats return from a walk with foreign bodies caught in their fur; mud, burrs, bramble, thorn, grass seeds etc. So they take a trip straight to our grooming salon. Firstly they have any burrs/ thorns carefully teased or if necessary cut out of their coat followed by a rinse if muddy. (If mud is left in their fur it will cause matts which can become incredibly uncomfortable if not painful, especially around their sanitary areas and arm pits. They then have to be dried thoroughly, most importantly to avoid moist dermatitis (commonly known as hot spots) and then need to be brushed completely 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 long haired breeds to be clipped to a practical length during their stay, for their best interests – It will of course soon grow again / Although most dogs enjoy

being pampered, to have the above procedure happen daily is tiring for a dog and it isn't good for the condition of their coat, skin or your pocket. When we request 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?