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## Summer Time Fun

The time has changed to allow us to enjoy long warm sunny days that turn into sweet summer evenings. The trees are beautiful and green, the flowers have bloomed, and school is almost out for the summer. A beautiful time of year, Summer, filled with baseball schedules, pool parties, evening walks, fun family vacations at the beach, winter clothes are packed away and shorts, t-shirts and swimsuits appear.

Let's not forget Fido, he is ready to get rid of his winter coat. There are several different lengths to help your pet enjoy the summer season from a short cute puppy cut to a cool complete shave down. Keep in mind if you have a light colored or white dog it is best to keep some of their coat to avoid sunburn. We can make them comfortable while remaining safe in the sun.

For those who like to keep Fido's coat year round like labs, huskies, golden retrievers etc. there is the option of the Furminator treatment which helps reduce shedding 60 to 80 percent by removing the winter undercoat when done on a regular basis. We can help you choose what is best for you and your pet. Let us design a style that is perfect for your pet. Remember Spring and Summer can be a busy time so call ahead to schedule an appointment.

## Communication: An Important Part of Every Relationship

Communication is key in every relationship. Communicating helps each party understand their wants, needs, likes, dislikes, what makes them sad and happy, who and what they are all about. There are questions asked, short to detailed answers given, explanations, suggestions, request, etc, etc. All are important in helping us build personal relationships, work relationships, banking, realtor, parent/teacher relationships and groomer relationships.

Let's look at the parent/teacher conferences we are called to attend or that we may request. Both parties desire the same result in the end, success. Whether the teacher or the parent called the meeting, it is usually difficult for both teacher and the parent to deliver or receive the information. Confrontation is never fun but important. Though in order to help the child improve in school and prepare for the future we sometimes have to do what isn't comfortable and by working together, in the end we attain the results both parent and teacher are looking for. This can be applied in the groomer/pet owner relationship. Let me explain...

There are many different groomer's, each style is different based on how we were taught or what school we attended. We all have our own style and creativity that each groomer brings to the table. You may like how I cut/style the face but not the legs or tail, etc. I want to know that. If you want something different like the beard shorter or longer, the tail plumed instead of fanned or whatever the case may be, please let us know. We don't know unless you tell us. Each style can be changed or adjusted to fit your needs.



Building an open and honest relationship with a groomer is key to keeping you and your pet happy.

Health and safety always come first. Jumping from groomer to groomer can be stressful on a pet. Some pets do well with change and going to new places but some pets are easily stressed. It is best to find a groomer that you are comfortable with, who listens to your concerns/needs and will take care of your pet with the same love and tenderness they receive at home. Your pet will get used to the groomer and will become less stressful when their grooming time comes around.

I truly want to know how I am doing with all my clients past, present and future because they are all very important to me. If there is something they want done different I encourage them to let me know so I can change it immediately or on the next grooming visit. Though everyone has an off day or stressful day especially in the grooming world, I always try to do my absolute best. I believe in complete honesty on my part and the clients part in letting me know what they want or what I can do to improve their experience at Little Bones and Bows, whatever it may be.

### Fun Facts About Our Pets

- There are 75 million cats in the U.S., with 35.5% of the nation's households having at least one cat.
- It's sad but true; 52% of pet owners report that their pets get more exercise than they do!
- The only mammals with prostates are people and dogs.
- It's a proven fact that you can lower your blood pressure by stroking a cat.
- A cat's sense of smell is a whopping 14 times stronger than a human's!

