



**AUNTY VIVS  
DOGS**



## Puppy Grooming Form

Congratulations on welcoming a new family member into your home! This is a most exciting time – your new bouncy, wiggly ball of fluff has entered your life to provide you with endless love and fun.

Grooming may not seem like an immediate concern when introducing a new pet into your home, however, grooming is an essential part of your new pet's wellbeing and health - the sooner they are introduced to grooming, the happier and healthier they will be in the long-run.

### ***BEFORE THE APPOINTMENT***

- Walk your puppy right before their appointment time so that they can relieve themselves – otherwise they can be very uncomfortable during the groom or possibly even have an accident! This sometimes happens at the grooming salon and your groomer doesn't mind. Your puppy will not get into trouble, but it does sometimes result in your puppy needing a second bath!

- Be happy when you are on your way to the salon. We know this can be a daunting experience for parents as well as their puppy, but it is important that the grooming salon be anticipated and associated with fun and enjoyment – if you are feeling anxious and apprehensive your puppy will be feeling that way too!

### ***DURING THE APPOINTMENT***

First up your puppy will be thoroughly brushed. This will be done over a longer period than usual to allow your puppy to become familiar with their groomer. Your groomer will introduce your puppy to the clippers and do an initial clip of their coat, making sure to take lots of breaks.

Before your puppy goes into the bath the groomer will use scissors to tidy the hair around their eyes. The groomer will also clip your puppy's toenails using special dog nail clippers.

Your puppy will be rinsed with warm, gentle-flowing water which will continually drain away (the bath itself does not get filled with water like a human bath). Once wet, a gentle puppy shampoo is applied to their coat. The groomer then spends time slowly and gently massaging the shampoo into the coat – this is often a very enjoyable experience for your puppy.

Your puppy must be completely dry to finish the groom. The groomer will use a small hand-held hair dryer on a low setting to dry your puppy. Using the clippers and scissors, your groomer will smooth over and tidy your puppy's hair.

Your groomer will contact you when your puppy is ready to be collected.

**Print Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_