

## Winter Grooming

Often in winter I hear people saying “Now it's winter my pup doesn't need to be clipped” however, just because it is winter, it doesn't mean our pets need less grooming in fact more often it means they need more.

- \* Ticks often find themselves more prevalent, as our weather gets drier.
- \* The extra blankets and coats we put on our pups help their fur mat more easily.
- \* Even though the coat growth may slow up a little it gets thicker.
- \* And the hair around the eyes, feet and bottom still grows.  
Making hygiene clips (face feet and tails) just as important.

Grooming is not just for looks.

Lack of regular grooming can also lead to serious health issues.....

- Hair that is not regularly clipped under the dogs pads can lead to cracked pads and long nails.
- Nails that are left long create bruising which is one of the number one reasons dogs begin to lick and chew their feet.
- Hair, that is found in between toes, that is not combed out leads to knots - another top reason for dogs starting to chew their feet.
- Ears that are not plucked and cheeks that are not clipped back help increase the risk of Ear Infection by not allowing air to circulate in the ear.
- Tails and Ear Tips that are matted can cause blood circulation loss and can result in hematomas or worse still the ear tip or tail dying off.
- Coats that are matted often leave the dog cold if wet and can cause loss of blood flow to the skin.