



# Paw Prints

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**Four Paws Pet Resort  
Earns The Daily Citizen Readers  
“Best Pet Resort in Northwest Georgia for 2008”**

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR CLIENTS**



“We would like to thank the readers of The Daily Citizens News for voting Four Paws the Best Pet Resort in Northwest GA. We strive to pamper each and every guest with a loving, low stress environment. We promise to continually improve our services and strive each day to be worthy of your patronage.”

**Upcoming Event(s)**

**Fall Break  
Make Your Reservations Early**

## FOUR PAWS PET RESORT

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*"A Place Where Pets Play While Their Owner's Away"*

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**NEW ADD-ON**  
SPA PACKAGES  
FOR YOUR PET!

## When Your Pet Needs A Smoothie

### How Matting Happens.....

Your cat hides every time you want to brush her. Her beautiful long hair got so matted and hard it looked like she was wearing a turtle shell on her back.

Your precious Cocker Spaniel just don't like to be groomed and bites when you try to brush him. His hair became matted in big lumps all over his body.

Your Lhasa Apso loves to be brushed and you brush her every day, but use the wrong kind of brush and not the correct brushing technique so she looks all fluffy and beautiful on the outside, but her coat next to her skin is a solid mat that gets thicker and tighter every day.

### Matted Pet Hair Can Be Serious

Mats pull on the pet's skin causing them constant discomfort and suffering. But even more serious is the fact that air cannot circulate through the hair and skin, which leads to major skin irritation and infections.

### The Solution.....

When a pet's hair becomes severely matted, there is simply no way to remove it except to give the pet a very short haircut, often referred to as a "smoothie".

### What is a "Smoothie"?

A smoothie is a very time consuming cut in which the groomer must use extreme caution as she removes the tightly matted coat from your pet. You can't just "Shave Off" the hair. Your groomer has to use special equipment and technique to separate the matting from the pet's skin. As the matting is removed a lot of times, it reveals skin conditions, parasites, or even foreign objects imbedded in the pet's hair.

Be very careful when the hair first comes off, your fur child will feel very strange and may even want to scratch a lot. Don't let this happen because it can cause secondary problems. You may apply pet first aid cream or gel to your pet's skin to promote soothing & healing.

### A New Beginning.....

Now your pet has very short hair, you have the opportunity for a fresh start. Work closely with your groomer to put your pet on a regular schedule of grooming appointments and keep your fur child where it needs to be.

*Barkleigh Production Pet Care Series*

**Did You Know:** A recent Canadian study of nearly 1,000 adults age 65 & over found pet owners were more physically fit and less likely to suffer decline in health as quickly as non-pet owners. So hug your pet & say "Thanks".