

To Shave Or Not To Shave??

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Which Dog Will Be Cooler This Summer?



Dog A

Dog B

Newfoundland - Double Coated Breed

Shaving Dangers:

- 🐾 Exposure for Heat Stroke
- 🐾 At Risk for Sunburn
- 🐾 Shaved Double Coat can grow back in thicker, making it difficult for thermal regulation.
- 🐾 The Coat can grow back unevenly, where the undercoat could grow back faster than the outer "guard" coat. Since the undercoat is more likely to mat, it will create a need for another shave. This is a vicious cycle, as the guard coat prevents the matting.
- 🐾 The skin will now be exposed to biting flies & Mosquitoes.
- 🐾 Alopecia- uneven growth & bald spots can occur with repeated shavings.
- 🐾 Dog's not use to being shave, may scratch excessively, irritating the skin and creating hot spots.

One would think that shaving a Dog's Coat would help the dog stay cool in the summer, but the truth is quite the opposite.

- 🐾 Evolution has created Double Coated Breeds to better deal with the climate surrounding them and the job they were bred to do.
- 🐾 Fur acts as a thermal regulator to slow down the process of heat absorption and insulates the body in cold weather.
- 🐾 Shedding is nature's way of making the coat more suitable for heat protection instead of warmth.

