Choosing a Groomer for Your Cat

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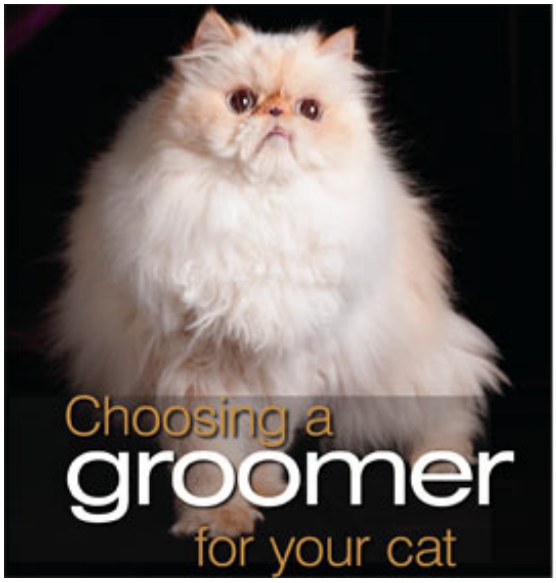

Depending on the breed of cat you have, a groomer may be very useful in keeping the hair coat neat and tidy. Ask your veterinarian, family, and friends for names of groomers that they recommend.

Questions to ask when choosing a groomer...

Staff and training:

- Does the groomer accept cats for grooming?
- What breeds do they own?
- Are their pets' hair coats kept neat and clean?
- Did the groomer go to school to learn grooming or did they learn it 'on the job?'
- How long have they been grooming cats?

Hours, fees, and payment:

- What are the hours?
- How are cats admitted and how do you know when to pick them up?
- How long does it take to get an appointment?
- What is the range of fees for your breed of cat?
- What does that fee include?
- What methods of payment are accepted?
- When is payment due?
- Are credit cards accepted?

Services:

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- What type of shampoos and conditioners are used?
- If your veterinarian recommends a certain shampoo do you need to supply it?
- Is a hand-held or cage drier used?
- Do they accept cats that need to be sedated for grooming?
- Who sedates and monitors the cat?
- Will the groomer trim nails between regular grooming appointments?

Facilities:

- Is the area kept clean, neat, and orderly?
- Are there unpleasant odors?
- Where are the cats kept?
- Are cats kept separate from dogs?
- How are clippers, scissors, etc., cleaned between use?

Your relationship with your cat's groomer is similar to the one with your own hairdresser or barber. They should listen to what you want and you should listen to their advice before making your decision.

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