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When the summer months are upon us, it's time to address the fact that many of our dogs and cats are still sporting their winter fur coats!

### Clipping or Brushing?

Firstly, it's important to mention that not all pets need to have their fur clipped so if your pet doesn't have thick dense fur a visit to the groomer may not be necessary. Instead regular brushing (at least once a week) will help ensure that your pet is kept both comfortable and cool this summer.

This will also help reduce the amount of loose hair that comes off your pet and may help prevent the nightmare scenario of you getting covered in animal hair before a night out and looking like yeti when you leave the house, let's face it most of us pet owners have been there!

### DIY or call in the professionals?

If your pet has profuse thick fur a visit to a groomer at the beginning of the summer will ensure that all loose fur is removed and long fur trimmed which will dramatically improve the comfort of your pet.

Alternatively, if you fancy trying your hand at grooming yourself a range of grooming kits can be bought for home use, but remember your first attempt may turn out far from symmetric! So when you're trying to justify your pets obscure styling to the starring crowds simply remind them that animals aren't vain about their appearance and your main focus was to be a thoughtful pet owner and help make your pet more comfortable this summer!