

### Lion Cuts Explained

**Lion cuts are done for many reasons, mostly to cool the cat or cut down on shedding and hairballs.**



A lion cut is a short shave for your cat with definite lines. The body is shaved close leaving the ruff and head full and the legs are shaved to a certain point and the tail may be left full or with a pom-pom.

[A groomer](#) should know the lines of this cut in order to present you with a beautiful cat! Cats have paw pads placed further up the leg, above the foot, as well as tendons that are prominent, below the shave line for the standard lion cut.

When any shaving is done in these areas, unnecessary risk is involved. You should never shave down a cats tail all the way, always leave enough hair at the end to create a pom-pom or leave a full tail. When a cats tail is shaved down all the way, a cat may chew or bite their tail, causing injury to themselves.



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## Why a Lion Cut for cats?

Sometimes a cat is so severely matted the only remedy is to shave off the damaged hair. Some cats are just happier when not wearing their full coats! Lion cuts are very popular with our clients. Lion cuts can be done on [long or short hair cats](#).

## How long does a lion cut last?

On average it can take 3 months for a short hair cat to regrow to full length. On a long hair cat it can take 4 to 6 months to regrow to a full coat. There is no reason, provided a cats skin is healthy and its temperament is suitable that a lion cut can not be done more frequent, if the owner wants this.

## Important Considerations for first time lion Cuts

For first time lion cut on a cat, the owner should know that it is a drastic change, appearance wise, for both owner and cat. Most cats adjust to their lion cut within a couple of days, sometimes developing a much better disposition because of it.

Occasionally the cats coat may grow in sparsely after a shave down, guard hairs grow normal but the undercoat comes in much slower. This can happen at any time and may never happen again to the same cat once the scraggly coat is shaved back down and the regrowth process is started over. Reasons for this are not known. If this continues to happen on a particular cat, there could be underlying health problems and your cat should see a veterinarian.

## Lion Cut variation is a comb cut

A comb cut is the same as a lion cut, just leaving the hair longer. Comb cuts can vary in length, 1/2 to 1 inch or longer, The thicker and more plush a cat's coat, the better a comb cut will look. Cats with a silky coat type tend to look choppy and less suited to the style as a whole.

With comb cuts there will always be some level of tracking on the coat. Tracking, being lines left from the comb attachment. Even when tracking is present, it will typically disappear within a day or two of the grooming, after the coat settles. The comb cut, done proper, is actually two grooms, a full coat groom first then the comb cut is done, that is why a comb cut cost is quite a bit more than a lion cut.

Comb cuts must be done on a clean cat. The lines are the same, on both the lion cut and the comb cut. To achieve a good comb cut the cat must be suitable, in both temperament and coat type.

Call us today or stop by Feline Fabulous so we can discuss if a lion cut is right for your cat.