

On the plus side:

They are soft, they get that majestic flowing in the wind look, they look athletic (usually are), they do not require brushing every day, and they have a certain elegance about them.

On the downside:

They shed EVERYWHERE, and they can get overheated.

We are all just trying to be the best dog parent we know how to be, and we are concerned about their wellbeing and their crazy hair everywhere. So sometimes we turn to a de-shedding treatment at the groomer, sometimes they are a success and sometimes they are not. Here is why:

If your dog is molting, meaning they have loads of undercoat coming out at one time, a de-shedding treatment can do wonders to restore the shiny elegant look we all love, and get rid of a lot of that undercoat. **But** *if you have a dog that is shedding a lot, but it is not coming out in clumps, a de-shedding treatment is not going to be as effective.*

Why? We have tools to be able to make a dramatic impact on dogs who have undercoat clumps coming out. Dogs who have big clumps and substantial amounts of undercoat coming out (Golden Retrievers, Samoyeds, Huskys, some Labs, American Eskimos) are usually shedding because of the weather, weekly brushing and regular trips to the groomer will help to reduce the amount of shedding.

Other dogs like Border Collies, Pitties, and Labs, do not have thick fur and it falls out individually. ***If these dogs are shedding a great amount, there is nothing I can put on their coat or due to their coat that will affect their shedding.***

Proper nutrition makes healthy skin, which makes a healthy coat.

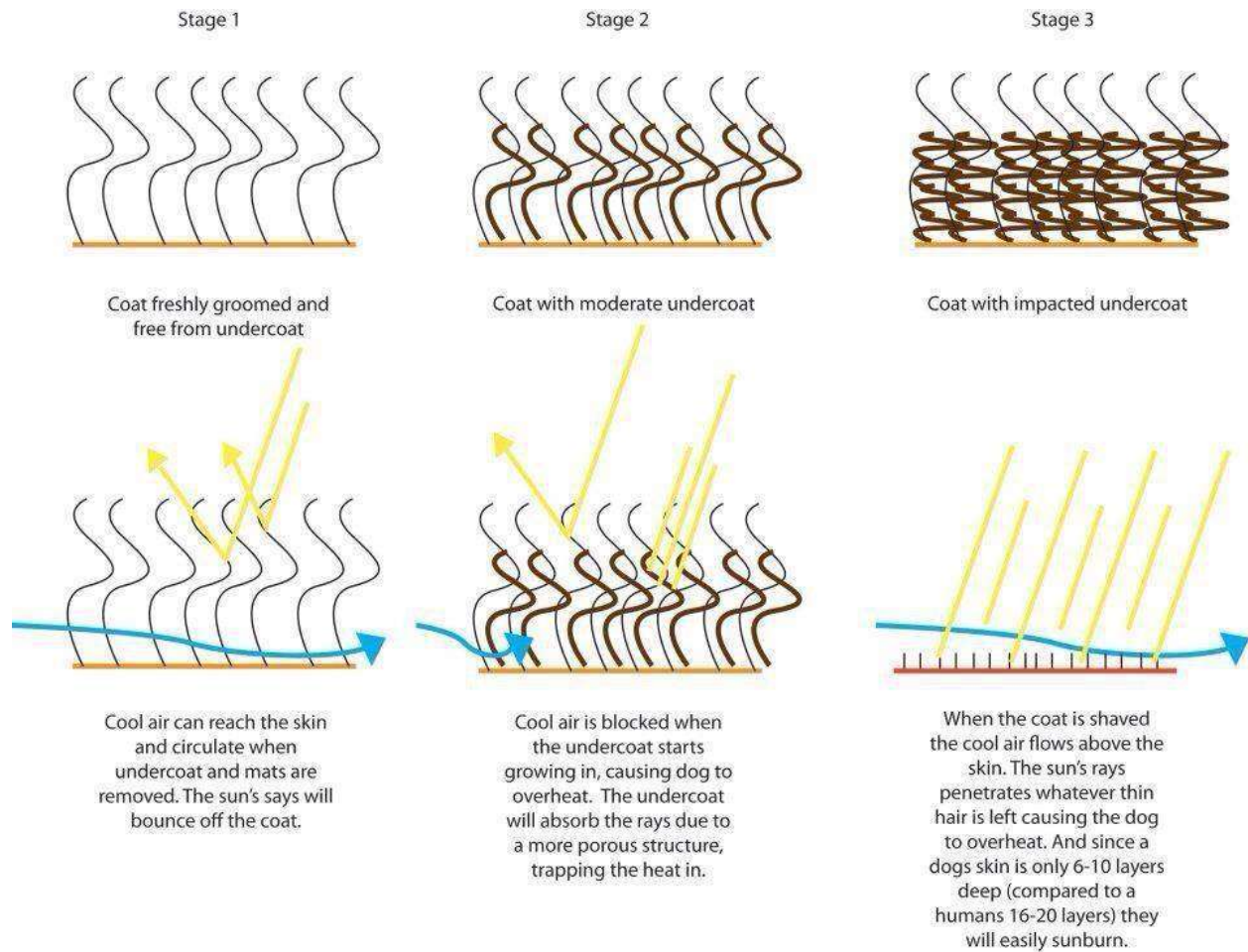
I did not believe it at first either, but then it happened to me personally. My Whippet mix out shed both of my Aussies, as a final effort I changed her nutrition, and I was astonished by the difference.

What about shaving my double coated dog? I am concerned about them overheating.

That is a valid concern that any double coated dog Mamma or Papa would have.

However, in most cases shaving a double coated dog does more harm than good. A dog's coat is more than just their heater, it protects their sensitive skin, and serves as their air conditioner. Dogs do not relieve heat by sweating through their skin like we do, their primary way to control their temperature is through panting.

See Diagram Below:



When a double coated dog's coat is brushed and has minimal undercoat, the top silky guard hairs protect the skin from the sun and allow air to flow underneath to the skin.

[Shaving Your Dogs Coat – Blog Albert North Vet Clinic](#)

[Should You Shave Your Dog in the Summer? – Blog – Dogs Naturally](#)

Shaving a double coated dog will damage the coat because it damages the skin. Often it will not grow back correctly or at all, sometimes it happens the first time and other times it takes more.

That is why here at Foxy K9 we will not shave double coated dogs, unless there is an uncommon situation. Your dog's health is my top priority.

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