

MEET OUR TEAM!

IRISH TOUCH PET GROOMING



MARY BRINEY

OWNER AND CERTIFIED AESTHETICIAN

Hello, my name is Mary. I live in Chesterton, Indiana with my husband and two wonderful children. I grew up in Killarney Ireland and came here to visit family in 2011. During my visit I met and fell in love with my husband. I have always loved animals and found my passion in pet grooming and skin restoration. When I first started this career I loved making pets look cute and fluffy. Then I started noticing on a regular basis, animals with sick skin. They would have thinning hair, hair loss, red irregular skin, foul smells, and allergies. I then started to look to see if there anything I could do to help. I found a wonderful course that is science based and taught by a veterinarian licensed in Arizona. This course was very in-depth about the skin and hair on animals. As I started this course and got more into it my view on everything changed. I started helping animals in a different way using specific shampoos, conditioners and oils that help restore their skin. Having healthy skin their personalities became happier as their pain subsided. It is a truly an amazing thing to do. My main goal is to do what is best for your pet, humility over vanity. If they are older comfort over beauty. You family pets become a part of the Irish touch family. I hope to make a big impact in the small and charming town where my family and friends live.



KARLEY FINK

GROOMER

My name is Karley Fink, I've been going back and forth for years trying to figure out what path would make me the happiest. Finally I came to the realization that my love for animals could be an awesome career path! Here I am doing on of the coolest jobs out there! Grooming is where all the love and dog kisses come from.



KRISTYN MEYER

GROOMER

My name is Kristyn Meyer, i have been in the grooming industry for the past 7 years. I've started from the absolute bottom of just being a receptionist, to a bather, and now finally I've gotten to get really hands on to do the actual grooming. I've had plenty of other jobs in the past 7 years from health care, the food industry, but my love for animals seems to keep bringing me back to the lovely job of being a dog groomer. Growing up on a farm, has most definitely brought out my love for animals, which has had a HUGE impact on how serious I take my job. This is one career that really makes me love coming into work.



SKIN RESTORATION & ALLERGIES

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THIS IS DUE TO OVER LICKING & CHEWING.
RESULTS AFTER ONE BATH USING OUR RED
MINERAL HYDRATION BATH.

SICK SKIN

The skin and hair is your pet first barrier against toxins and pollutants in the environment. They have an oil present on their skin to protect them known as sebum, this can be compromised to lack of sebum or over producing.

Sick skin is usually when there's a secondary infection going on either bacterial/yeast or fungal is present on your pet's skin. How can you tell if your pet has sick skin, there would be an unpleasant smell to them, hair loss and most commonly there would have leaky goopy sores or dry crusty on them. Unfortunately we are seeing more and more cases of sick skin on animals. When your pet has an autoimmune disorder skin issues can occur. Autoimmune disorders in pets when a condition which the immune system attacks the body's own tissue.

When I'm working to restore sick skin I approach topical (to use on the skin).
It's a 3 step bathing process

Step 1: can be either 1) a red clay mask to dry up oozy sores or 2) a hydration mask to break up crust or scabs. This is a very gentle process and you can see the pet starting to relax from getting some relief from the sore skin.

Step 2: this is the cleanse (shampoo) stage, these products help fight against bacterial, fungal or any external parasites. This process helps cleanse sores, inflamed skin and itchy skin.

Step 3: hydration stage. Once the skin is cleansed we need to rehydrate the skin. Here we help bring the skin back to a natural state this helps replenish the skin's natural oils and soothes the skin. This is the most important part of the process since it helps to protect the skin.

There is also a bit of home care to insure the skin is staying hydrated between baths.
This treatment isn't to replace veterinarian care but to help enhance the pet's ability to heal.

ALLERGIES

Allergies in dogs are very common. How can you tell you pet has allergies they over lick/chew their paws and their paws may appear red and sometimes hives can be present/thinning the hair. The most common places to see you dog is suffering form allergies is chin, chest, belly and paws. In cats they loose hair around the rear area. There's no scientific proof that its been caused by food. Allergies can happen by allgeren in the air or a forgien object that your pet is sentitive to. Allergies peaks in the spring and fall, when everything is blooming.

Hot spot

Hot spot look painful,red, moist and hairless in the area they appear. Unfortunately hot spot are caused by a bacteria normally found on the skin and occur when your dog incessantly scratches and chews that area. Hot spot love to thrive in hot, humid weather and can be trigged by any allergen, secondary scratching form goopy ears.

Contact Dermatitis

Contact Dermatitis occurs when the skin comes into contact with a substance the their body which looks like an allergic to, i.e fertilizer/flea collars. The exposed skin will become red and itchy