

Bandit's Bathhouse Story

While living in Santa Barbara, CA, I adopted 7-year-old Bandit, my border collie mix, in August of 2002. When he arrived, his coat was so matted I didn't know what to do with him. I knew of a place in town that offered do-it-yourself pet grooming, so I took Bandit there to see what they recommended. That was all it took to get me hooked on the world of do-it-yourself pet grooming. Not only were all of my supplies provided and cleanup was minimal, but more importantly to me, I got educated about how I can best care for Bandit. We clipped off Bandit's mats and then they introduced me to the proper supplies for keeping Bandit's coat clean and mat-free. Bandit has never had a mat since!

It never occurred to me that using the wrong type of shampoo, conditioner, or brush on my dog could cause him so much discomfort. But it can! I knew nothing then about 'doubled coated' dogs or the implications of that kind of coat. I also knew nothing about forced-air dryers and how they can blow out the loose fur at the groomers and leave my home so much cleaner. It was all new and exciting to me.

I became a regular at the dog wash. Bandit loves the beach and the water, and it was no problem enjoying time there with him because I knew I could swing by the shop and wash him up before we went home. The service was convenient, affordable, educational, and fun!

In 2003, Bandit and I moved back to my hometown of Rochester, New York, and started making plans for **Bandit's Bathhouse and Pet Grooming Salon**. In order to fulfill my desire to help all pet owners better care for their pets, I attended dog grooming school and became a school-certified groomer for all breeds of dogs. Bandit has supported me the whole way.

Our Mission Statement:

To run a safe, clean, caring, and fun family-oriented salon offering quality, convenient, and affordable grooming service for pets, as well as to educate pet owners about proper pet care.

We'll keep the water warm for you!