

# Cross Town Pet Care<sup>LLC</sup>

## Mobile pet grooming service



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### Anal Gland Expression

As with anything in life, there are many different opinions and views. By no means is anal gland expression excluded from this “club”.

The anal glands are two sac like structures located in the anus area in dogs and cats. They periodically fill up with a foul smelling and thick secretion called anal gland secretion. Some animals never need their glands expressed, as it is supposed to be a process that happens naturally while they defecate. Those who cannot do this process naturally, need assistance.

For health debated reasons, anal gland expression is not a normal part of the offered services at Cross Town Pet Care, LLC. Many “assume” that groomers who don’t offer it, do so due to the “dirty” nature of the job, that is not always the case. I can only speak for Cross Town Pet Care, LLC, and the reason why it is not offered is due to the risky nature of the job. We only wish for your pet to have the best health possible. Listed below are the health reasons that explain why it is not offered as part of the normal services and why, when we do agree to perform this procedure, you assume full liability for your pet.

We prefer and suggest that you have the vet perform this procedure for your pets’ optimum health. Remember, a professional groomer is a groomer, essentially a hair stylist for pets, not a trained health professional such as veterinarian or doctor who is trained to recognize and deal with health related problems. Ask yourself this, would you ask your hair stylist to look at a cancer spot on your head and tell you if it is cancerous or to do any other health related task?

Anal Gland Issues:

Impaction

- Infection
- Abscess
- Rupture

- Tumors
- Cancer
- Damage to the sphincter muscle can occur from anal gland expression

Signs of needing the anal glands expressed are listed below. Keep in mind though, that just because your pet may have some of the following symptoms, it could mean something else is wrong other than anal gland issues. The other issues could be worms, skin infection, stool adhered to fur and more.

Signs of Anal Gland Issues:

- Scooting
- Licking the anal region
- Reluctance in defecating
- Discomfort when the anal area is touched
- “Musky” odor
- Unusual substance coming from anal area
- Swelling in anal area

If you have any concerns regarding your pet’s anal gland health or any other question, Cross Town Pet Care, LLC will be more than happy to try and answer your questions to the best of our knowledge. Remember, the trained health professional, the veterinarian, is ultimately your best source for any health related issue.

As with most health issues in life, there are natural alternatives that may help improve conditions such as problematic anal gland issues. It is said and widely believed that feeding organic pumpkin as a supplement can help this particular ailment. More information can be found with research, one place to start is [www.earthclinic.com](http://www.earthclinic.com).

*Cross Town Pet Care, LLC assumes no liability for injury to you or your pet incurred by following these descriptions, procedures or suggestions.*