## **RETRIEVER CLIP (wavy coat variety illustrated)**

"In order to give a natural appearance and a smooth unbroken line, the entire coat is scissored or clipped to follow the outline of the dog, leaving a short blanket of coat no longer than one inch in length.\*"

Head is scissored to blend with body coat. Appearance should be a broad, domed skull. Hair on a wavy head tends to part in the center, giving a more casual appearance than that of a curly head.

The entire muzzle is clipped with a blade ranging from #5 or #4 blade <u>OR</u> scissored slightly shorter than the body coat to give definition from the inside corner of the eye to the nose and from the outside corner of the eye down the cheek under the jaw. The muzzle is trimmed evenly. There is no "beard" or "moustache". There is a definite stop. Trim hair under ear to blend with body coat.

> Scissor legs to blend with chest and body. Feet are trimmed somewhat rounded and blended with legs.

Trim ear to jawline to follow shape of ear. Hair on ears should be scissored to blend with hair on head.

Leave hair full length on the last 1/4 to 1/3 of the tail.

When clipping body use a #10 blade with 1" comb OR scissor the entire dog to 1". When shaping the coat, keep in mind not to over-style.

Either coat type (wavy or curly) may be shown in either Lion Clip or Retriever Clip <u>"No discrimination will be made against the</u> correct presentation of a dog in either Lion <u>Clip or Retriever Clip.\*"</u>

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