

ABOVE AND BEYOND

How long does it take to groom two *really* matted collies?

Most of us would not try to find out.

Faced with a task this difficult, not to mention filthy, smelly, and back-breaking, we would gladly pay to find a groomer willing to do it for us.

And most groomers would reply, "Can't be done. We'll have to shave them down to the skin."

Luckily, this did not happen with two recently rescued collies, Danny Boy and Blue. These horribly matted boys were turned in by their owner to Cintia Metz, a longtime SWCR volunteer, at her boarding kennel in Chaparral, NM.

Cintia knew how miserable they were, wearing thick, densely tangled fur coats that itched and stung their skin from goat heads, twigs, feces and ticks.

So she got to work.



Freshly bathed and groomed, Danny Boy, left, nuzzles Blue. At age 3, both are sweet, laid-back collies. Danny, who was born without eyes, would thrive in a forever home.

The before and after photos, above and right, speak for themselves. It took Cintia *seven hours* to transform these collies, above and beyond the call of duty.

After we sent out the photos, one SWCR member wrote, "Whoever did the grooming should be nominated for sainthood." We second the motion!

Cintia Metz runs Chantelle Kennels in Chaparral, NM, along with Standard Poodle Rescue of the Southwest.



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