

FAQs On The Dirty Hair Project™

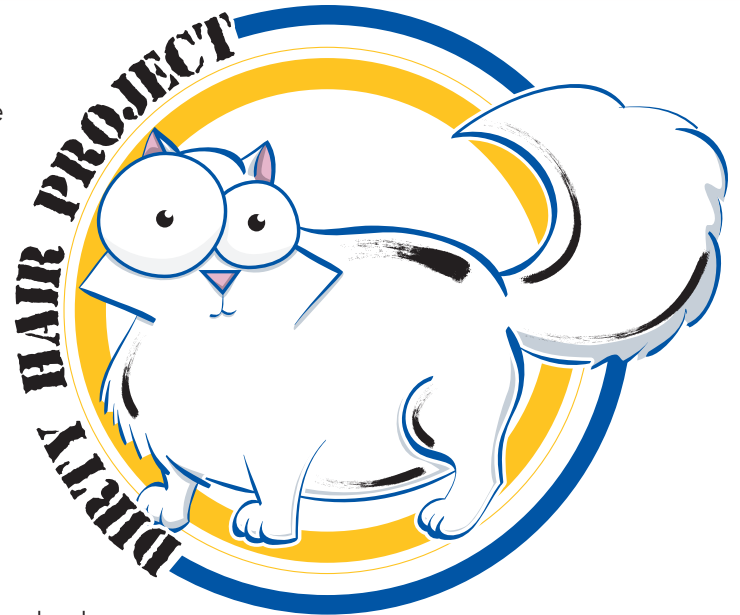
Question:

What is the dirty hair used for?

Answer:

Dirty (unwashed) cat hair contains dander. A lab in the US needs dander to produce allergy shots for humans. This means, they need a lot of unwashed cat hair, full of dander.

The lab extracts the dander from the cat hair and uses it for the production of allergy shots. It is an amazing process from start to finish!



Question:

How does the Dirty Hair Project work?

Answer:

A Certified Feline Master Groomer™ (CFMG) collects unwashed cat hair that is shaved from the cats they groom. The hair MUST be stored in a cool, dry environment. Once a CFMG collects a minimum of 5lbs of cat hair, it is boxed up and shipped UPS (at the lab's expense) to the laboratory that purchases the hair. Each box of hair must be accompanied by a CFMG-signed health certificate, as per the FDA. Approximately 1 week after the hair is received by the lab, a check is issued to the CFMG at the rate of \$113 per lb of dirty cat hair.

Question:

What is the "catch?"

Answer:

There is none.

Question:

Why can only CFMGs sell their dirty cat hair?

Answer:

Because the end result of the project is allergy shots intended for human use, the FDA controls who can and can't sign the accompanying health certificate that goes along with each box of dirty cat hair. The NCGIA submitted their certification program material for approval back in 2009. After much review, it was determined that those who have studied for and earned their CFMG title are qualified to recognize various feline health issues and determine if the hair they collect comes from appropriate animals.



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