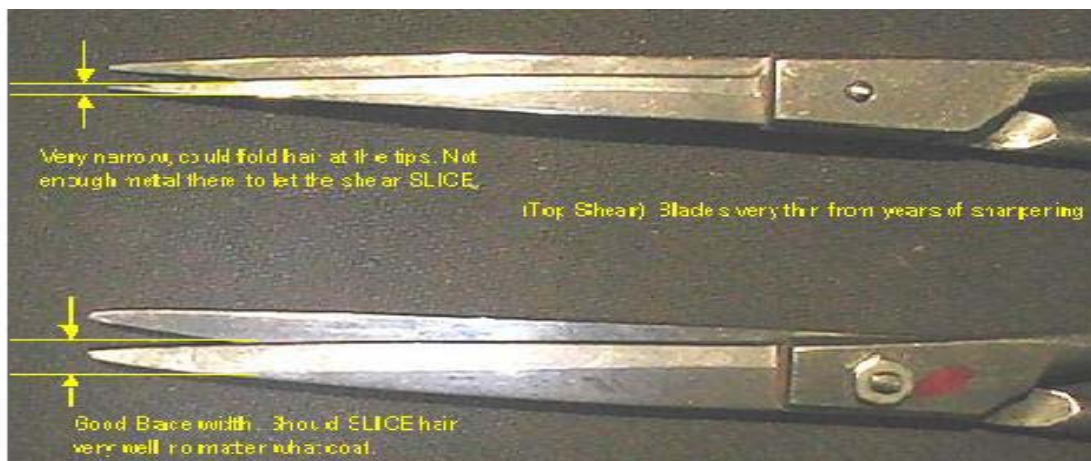


Conditions That Cause Shears Not To Cut Properly

Very Pointed Shears

When shears get sharpened many times they get thinner toward the front of the blade. As you can see in comparison of the top shear to the bottom one, the blades of the top shear are quite a bit thinner. Both shears are the same type shear.



When using a shear with narrow tips, the problem is folding the hair. This is caused by the blade not having enough metal at the tips to give it the ability to slice so it folds. This shear may work fine on small dogs, but when its used on tougher coat it will more than likely fold.

Fixing Pointed Shears So They Work Again

A good sharpener will see and anticipate a shear folding hair if it has very narrow tips. The fix is very simple, the tips must be ground back 1/8th inch or more to give the tips enough width to slice the hair again.



If the tips are fixed as shown your shears should work properly and you will be happy. By looking at this shear most sharpeners can tell you've used them for many years and they are possibly your favorite shears. Don't blame the sharpener for causing this problem, it was done over a long period of time and many sharpenings. Let the sharpener fix them while they are being sharpened. The best thing to do when shears get in this condition is to look around for a new pair. Shears can only be fixed so many times when they are like this.