

## Thinking About Hair and Nails

That sasquatch have a lot of hair (not fur) is certainly confirmed by hundreds of sightings and it is interesting to think about hair. There are basically two types of hair; that which grows and never stops, and that which grows to a certain length and stops. Humans are the only natural animals that have the first type. I say “natural” because I believe some dogs have been bred so that their hair does not stop growing. A French poodle is one of these dogs. If one never cuts its hair, I believe it will continue growing until the animal cannot function properly.

With humans, the hair that does not stop growing is on the head and face (males). Nevertheless, I believe some aboriginal people have head and face hair that does not continually grow.

Whatever the case, it would appear that the sasquatch has hair both on its head and body that definitely does not continue to grow; if it did then they would need some process for cutting it to avoid overgrowth.

In this connection, we have to wonder how early humans coped with this problem. Did they simply rip their hair to an agreeable length? Hair “in a bunch” is quite strong, so I would think they had to bite it off or use some sort of tool to cut it (sharp rock, whatever). If we think the sasquatch has “human hair” then it must do the same thing.

I am inclined to think that sasquatch do not need to cut their hair. Also, their hair stay very close to their body—however, there are report of “flowing hair.”

Incidentally, one way in which human hair can be differentiated from the hair of a wild animal, is that at least one end of a human hair shows that it has been cut (result of their first haircut). Generally, both ends show this, but a hair that was ripped out or fell out would have an uncut end (native termination).

Fingernails and toenails also present a bit of a problem. Again, humans have the burden that their nails do not stop growing. Finger nails, of course, can be easily bitten off, but toe nails are a tough call for the same process. Generally, human toe nails if left uncut will curl down. Indications of claws or nails in sasquatch footprints are



Bigfoot model created by Belgian artist Emmanuel Janssens (March 2000).

very rare (so rare that the prints with such are unlikely anything to do with sasquatch). So I wonder what happens here. Do the being’s toe nails reach a certain point and stop growing?

Putting the being in the “half and half” category would imply that it is either human enough (intelligent enough) to resolve the issues, or the issues are a part of its “animal” makeup.