A guide on how to trim, cut and keep your barbet in long fur - this cut can also work for the showring
- Use this as a proposal with emphasis on proportions and not the exact lengths - remember; a barbet must give a rustic and NOT a groomed impression -

Start off with brushing and combing through the coat thoroughly.
It must be free of tangles and mats, and you should easily be able to run your fingers through the fur.

Body:
Cut all the fur on the body, from the shoulder to the croup, but save about 6 cm length.
The coat must be of sufficient length so that its quality can be assessed,
and to provide the barbet with its breed typical expression.
Chest/Torso:
Give it a rounded shape.
Under the chest:
The fur should reach down to the elbow.
Back:
The back should be straight, with rounded hips,
and with a nice fluent tail set.

Hind leg:
Fine angles can be amplified (see X's),
hock should be low, and the paws should be round and large.
Foreleg:
Straight legs with a clear angle to forechest, and with
large round paws. Keep fur long on the back of the leg
for a solid and compact impression.
Tail:
If the tail is too thick, it can be shortened on top.
On the bottom, trim it a little, but not too much.

Head:
Don't cut the hair too short. Bangs should reach to the middle of the muzzle.
You can remove hair from the corner of the eye to corner of the eye - e.g.
Leave the hair on the ears and beard long. Can the ears be drawn 5 cm
past the nose, or do they hang down equal with the long beard? Fine!
The mustache should be very abundant and cover the muzzle. Beard about 8-10cm.
Neck:
Cut to shoulders, and create a nice "neckline"
Throat
Down to the chest keep it short, about 2-3 cm.
From forechest down to the legs keep the fur longer to accentuate the forechest.
When the fur on the cheeks (under ears) is too thick - cut it.

When you are done; wet the dog all the way through and then let it dry on its own to have a "natural" look.

Gather the hair, from the onset of the ears, as a "mohawk". Hold and cut to c:a 8-10 cm, gradually longer to "flow" with the ear.

Too long fur here makes the neck appear too long.

shoulder

"neckline"

mustasch; abundant beard; c:a 8-10 cm

on throat to chestbone; short. 2-3 cm

forebreast; a bit longer in fur, but not too long.

croup

rump; a bit longer fur

"chestfur"; down to elbow

forebreast / frontleg; distinct angle

frontside of leg; short fur

shorter in angulation X

down to knee; longer fur

longer fur on backside of leg

longer fur on hocks

shorter

paws; round and big

when the dog stands "right" the front legs should be perceived as straight.

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