



PROFESSIONAL GROOMING COURSE CURRICULUM

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OVERVIEW & PURPOSE

This grooming course module is designed to provide aspiring groomers with comprehensive training in basic grooming services for pets. It covers essential topics such as animal behavior, safe handling, grooming techniques, and customer communication. The purpose of this module is to equip groomers with the necessary knowledge and skills to deliver high-quality grooming services while prioritizing the well-being and safety of the pets in their care. It aims to foster professionalism, compassion, and expertise within the grooming industry.

COURSE DURATION AND STRUCTURE

Theory sessions : 10

Practical grooming sessions : 25 (approximately)

Total duration : 2-2.5 months

Attendance criteria : Students will need to attend a total 35 sessions over the duration of 75 days to be eligible for final assessment and certification. Failing to meet the criteria may result in additional fees for extended duration.

Certificate will be handed out **AFTER** the student has met all the criteria of attendance and passed the final assessment exam with satisfactory results.

Best of luck!



COURSE TOPICS

Module 1: Introduction to Grooming (Theory)

1.1 What is Grooming?

- Definition and importance of grooming for pets.
- Overview of various grooming services.

1.2 Groomer's Role and Responsibilities

- Understanding the groomer's role in pet care.
- Safety and welfare considerations.

Module 2: Dog behavior, anatomy and handling (Theory)

2.1 Understanding Animal Behavior

- Recognizing and interpreting body language and dog anatomy.
- Identifying signs of stress or discomfort.

2.2 Safe Animal Handling Techniques

- Proper restraint methods for different animals.

Module 3: Tools and Equipment (Practical)

3.1 Essential Grooming Tools

- Overview of grooming tools (clippers, shears, brushes, combs, etc.).
- How to select and maintain the right equipment.

3.2 Safe Equipment Usage

- Demonstrating proper handling and operation of tools.
- Avoiding accidents and injuries.



Module 4: Pre-Grooming Preparation (Theory and Practical)

4.1 Initial Assessment

- Evaluating the pet's condition and needs.
- Communicating with pet parents to understand their requirements.

4.2 Coat and Skin Care

- Identifying common coat and skin issues.
- Tips for prepping the coat before grooming.

Module 5: Basic Grooming Techniques (Theory and Practical)

5.1 Bathing and Drying

- Choosing the right shampoo and bathing methods.
- Proper drying techniques.

5.2 Brushing and Combing

- Brushing different coat types.
- Removing mats and tangles.

5.3 Nail Trimming

- Safely trimming pet nails.
- Understanding nail anatomy

5.4 Ear Cleaning

- Understanding ear health, anatomy and cleaning methods.
- Avoiding ear infections.

5.5 Teeth Care

- Importance of dental health.
- Introducing dental care as part of grooming.



Module 6: Haircuts and styling (Practical)

6.1 Grooming Different Breeds

- Breed-specific grooming requirements and styles.

6.2 Scissoring and trimmer work.

- Exercises and practical training
- Deep focus on basics of scissor and trimmer holding, maneuvering and maintenance.

Module 7: Final Touches and Styling (Practical)

7.1 Styling Techniques

- Basic pet styling and finishing touches.
- Tips for creative grooming (where applicable).

Module 8: Dealing with Difficult Situations (Theory and Practical)

8.1 Handling Nervous Pets

- Techniques to calm and reassure anxious animals.
- Methods of proper handling
- Steps to avoid overwhelming the pet.

8.2 Handling Aggressive Pets

- Ensuring the safety of the pet and groomer.
- Knowing when to seek assistance.
- Declining, halting the service.



Module 9: Customer Service and pet parent Communication (Theory)

9.1 Communication Skills

- Effective communication with pet parents.
- Setting clear expectations and managing requests.

9.2 Customer Satisfaction and Feedback

- Handling customer feedback and complaints.
- Ensuring a positive grooming experience for pet parents.

Module 10: Health and Safety (Theory)

10.1 Hygiene and Sanitation

- Maintaining a clean and safe grooming environment.
- Preventing the spread of infections.

10.2 First Aid and Emergency Procedures

- Common accidents and basic first aid knowledge for pets.
- Preparing for grooming-related emergencies.

Module 11: Final Assessment and Certification (Practical)

11.1 Practical Skills Assessment

- Hands-on grooming evaluation.
- Providing constructive feedback for improvement.

11.2 Certification and Continuing Education

- Issuing certifications.
- Encouraging continuous learning and professional development.

