Dog Grooming Course

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Keen to study Dog Grooming by distance learning? Do you love dogs? Have you ever thought about making it a career? There are over 8 million dogs in the UK, with a significant growth in dog grooming, as people are keen to emulate celebrities like Paris Hilton and Kelly Osborne who are never seen without a faithful pup by their side.

This course would also be perfect if you wanted to perfect your grooming techniques on your own dog and save yourself the expense each month.

The course includes a FREE DVD entitles Dog Grooming the Basics and a FREE book called “Dog Grooming For Beginners” featuring all 87 recognised breeds.

Like all Start Learning courses, you will have access to tutor support and our courses are designed in bite sized sections to make learning easier and more flexible. So Start Learning now!

Entry Requirements

This course is suitable both for beginners and those who already groom dogs and no previous experience is needed. However, as the course requires a great deal of time, effort and attention to detail, it is not suitable for anyone with back problems or repetitive motion injuries.

At Start Learning we believe that everyone should have the opportunity to expand their knowledge and study further, so we try to keep our entry requirements to a minimum.

Your Questions Answered

Is this course suitable for me?

This course is suitable both for beginners and those with an established background with dogs. You don’t need any previous experience - the course is aimed at students who wish to provide quality grooming for their own dogs, as well as those who are thinking of setting up their own grooming business.

All you need is a love of dogs, patience and a mature outlook! However, as the course requires a great deal of time, effort and attention to detail, it is not suitable for anyone with back problems or repetitive motion injuries.

What will I learn on the course?

Our Dog Grooming course gives you the opportunity to learn in detail about all aspects of grooming dogs. The course includes the history of humankind’s relationship with dogs, in-depth details of the grooming process, as well as helpful advice on how to set up and run your own dog grooming business. Even vets and dog breeders have studied this discipline successfully!

What skills will I gain?

By completing our distance learning Diploma in Dog Grooming, you can expect to develop a range of valuable skills. These include:

• A detailed understanding of the relationship between humans and dogs and a working knowledge of the long history of this relationship

•An in-depth knowledge of a wide range of different breeds of dog and the ability to adapt grooming techniques to suit each breed

•The ability to understand that each dog has a unique personality and how to adapt accordingly, so grooming is efficient and hassle-free

•The ability to groom dogs as quickly as possible whilst showing maximum attention to detail

•The business skills necessary to help in the setting up of a dog grooming service

Dog Grooming Course Content

Unit 1: Man's History with Dogs - The History of Dog Grooming - The Dog Grooming Profession

Unit 2: Dog Breeds - Breed Recognition - Dog Anatomy and Physiology - Dog Diseases - First Aid

Unit 3: Types of Coat - Smooth Coat Breeds - Short Coat Breeds - Double Coat Breeds - Long and Silky Coat Breeds - Harsh and Wiry Coat Breeds - Curly and Woolly Breeds - Corded Coated Breeds

Unit 4: Types of Coat - Short Coat Breeds - Long Coat Breeds - Designer Breeds

Unit 5: Equipment Required - Grooming Tools – Clippers – Blades - Shears – Scissors – Equipment –Maintenance - Uniforms and Protective Clothing - Protective Equipment - Products Required - Price Lists - Suppliers Information and Contact Details

Unit 6: Safety Measures - Dog Psychology - Dog Control - Pre-Bath – Bath - Post Bath

Unit 7: Grooming - Dealing with Double Coats - Professional Grooming Shortcuts - Working with Puppies - Working with the Senior Dog

Unit 8: Terriers - Terrier Trims - Head Details - Body Details - Hand Stripping - Terrier Breeds - Airedale Terrier - Australian Terrier - Bedlington Terrier - Cairn Terrier - Dandie Dinmont Terrier - Irish Terrier - Kerry Blue Terrier - Lakeland Terrier - Norfolk Terrier - Norwich Terrier – Schnauzer - Scottish Terrier - Sealyham Terrier - Soft-coated Wheaten Terrier - Welsh Terrier - West Highland White Terrier - Wire Fox Terrier - Yorkshire Terrier - Breed Grooming Comparisons

Unit 9: Spaniel Breeds - Spaniel Breed Trims - American Cocker Spaniel - American Water Spaniel - Cavalier King Charles Spaniel - English Cocker Spaniel - English Springer Spaniel - English Toy Spaniel - Irish Water Spaniel - Welsh Springer Spaniel - Poodle Types - Poodle Breed Trims - Minature Poodle - Standard Poodle - Toy Poodle

Unit 10: Setter Breeds - Setter Trims - English Setter - Gordon Setter - Irish Red Setter - Irish Red Setter - Other Breeds - Bichon Frise - Old English Sheepdog - Portuguese Water Dog - Mixed Breeds and Designer Dogs

Unit 11: Drop Coat Breeds - Drop Coat Trims - Coton de Tulear – Havanese - Lhasa Apso – Pomeranian - Shih Tzu – Troubleshooting

Unit 12 : The Law and You - Health and Safety - First Aid - Setting Up in Business – Accessories – Finances - Choosing Premises - Salon Design – Insurance - Business Plan - Business Profile - Business Portfolio – Conclusion

Each Unit is followed by an assessment and has some further recommended reading suggestions.

FREE DVD: "Dog Grooming the Basics" This DVD walks you through all the key techniques

FREE BOOK: "Dog Grooming for Beginners" This textbook covers 87 breeds in detail

Qualifications & Awarding Body

What qualifications will I gain through the course?
Level 3 Award in Dog Grooming. At the end of this course successful learners will receive a Level 3 NCFE Award certificate of achievement. That means that it is independently accredited at a level of learning equivalent to level 3 on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) for England, Wales and Northern Ireland"

Awarding Body Information
NCFE is recognised as an awarding body by the qualification regulators ('regulators') for England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The regulators are the Office of the Qualifications and Examinations Regulator (Ofqual) in England, the Department for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills (DCELLS) in Wales and the Council for Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment (CCEA) in Northern Ireland. http://www.ncfe.org.uk/

How do I gain practical experience?
Why not approach your friends and family and ask if you can groom their dogs for free? This will really boost your confidence!

Do you include work tools with the course?
No, this is a theory-based course. If you plan to start your own business you will need to buy the relevant equipment.

How can I set up my own dog grooming business after taking the course?
The course features lots of information about how to set up in business working for yourself. Don't worry, it's not as daunting as it sounds!

I already have a job
Great! But you can't beat working for yourself. Just think: nobody to tell you what to do - you're completely your own boss! You don't have to answer to anyone but yourself, you can choose the hours you work, no commuting to work… once you've started you'll never look back!

But there's a recession on!
There is always a market for dog grooming, even in a recession. Dog owners are always going to want to keep their pets well groomed and looked after.

Price & Payment Terms

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Full Course Cost: **£435**
Postage & Packaging: **£4.95**

Payment Plans

50% Deposit + Postage = £175 + £4.95 (This is paid when signing up for the course)

First Instalment = £58.33 (This is paid 1 month after signing up for the course)

Second Instalment = £58.33 (This is paid 2 months after signing up for the course)

Third Instalment = £58.33 (This is paid 3 months after signing up for the course)

Call us on **0800 075 1222** or email us at info@start-learning.co.uk if you would like to set up a payment plan.