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Modification History

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Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 4.0.

Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual has independently completed a full groom of six dogs, with at least one dog breed selected from each of the different coat types listed below:

- long/drop coat:
 - Maltese, Shih Tzu, Tibetan Terrier, Bearded Collie, Lhasa Apso, Silky Terrier, Yorkshire Terrier, Havanaese, Briard, Chinese Crested – Powderpuff
- double/heavy coat:
 - Malamute, Pomeranian, Japanese Spitz, Collie – Rough, Sheltie, Chow Chow, Siberian Husky, Samoyed, Bernese Mountain Dog, German Shepherd (long stock coat)
- combination/silky coat:
 - English Cocker Spaniel, English Springer Spaniel, Golder Retriever, Border Collie, Tibetan Spaniel, Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Dachshund – Long Haired, Aussie Shepherd, Chihuahua – Long Haired, Setter (English, Gordon or Irish)
- fluffy/curly coat:
 - Bichon Frise, Poodle, Kerry Blue Terrier, Portuguese Water Dog, Bedlington, Lagotto Romagnolo, Irish Water Spaniel
- short/smooth coat:
 - Boxer, Dalmatian, Staffordshire Bull Terrier, French Bulldog, Chihuahua – Smooth Coat, Great Dane, Dachshund – Smooth, Fox Terrier – Smooth, Pug, Beagle, Labrador, Rottweiler, German Shepherd (stock coat)
- wiry coat:
 - Airedale Terrier, Fox Terrier (wire), Schnauzer, Border Terrier, Scottish Terrier, West White Highland Terrier, Lakeland Terrier, Welsh Terrier, Cairn Terrier, Irish Terrier, Jack Russell (wire).

In doing the above, the individual must have:

- used industry-recognised grooming techniques for different coat types, including a poodle point technique
- handled each dog in a safe, low stress and humane manner
- demonstrated appropriate and correct use and maintenance of the following equipment:
 - clippers, including correct blade selection and use of snap-on combs
 - scissors, including straight, curved and thinners
 - undercoat rake, including carding tools, de-shedding rake and de-matting tool
 - brushes, including slicker, pin and boar bristle
 - combs, including poodle, greyhound, coarse and fine tooth
 - carding tools, including stripping knives, stones
- selected, fitted and correctly used personal protective equipment (PPE)
- maintained grooming equipment and supplies according to workplace and manufacturer instructions
- completed post-grooming cleaning and housekeeping procedures
- maintained records for each dog.

Knowledge Evidence

An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:

- Australian National Kennel Council dog breed standards
- dog anatomy and physiology related to grooming procedures, including conformation features of dogs
- dog coat types and colours, coat characteristics and phases of coat/hair growth
- dog behaviour, anatomy and physiology related to grooming procedures and products, including:
 - common behaviour patterns
 - range of movement
 - signs of pain, distress or illness
 - issues relating to brachycephalic breeds
- signs of abnormalities and health concerns in dogs, including common parasitic infections
- dog behaviour traits, including signs of distress or other core emotional states
- industry-recognised grooming techniques for different coat types, including maintenance and restoration
- types of dog grooming and finishing products
- equipment used for a range of coat types and conditions
- correct use and maintenance of the following grooming equipment:
 - clippers, including correct blade selection and use of snap-on combs
 - scissors, including straight, curved and thinners
 - undercoat rake, including carding, de-shedding rake and de-matting tool
 - brushes, including slicker, pin and boar bristle
 - combs, including poodle, greyhound, coarse and fine tooth

- carding tools, including stripping knives, stones
- personal protective equipment, including protection for hands, face, eyes, ears and feet
- safe and humane dog handling and restraint techniques and procedures
- overview of types and transmission of zoonoses relevant to dogs, and methods of prevention and control
- workplace policies, procedures and requirements, including:
 - safety and emergency procedures
 - hygiene and infection control
 - waste disposal
 - animal welfare and humane handling
- safe use of disinfectants and cleaning agents, and use of safety data sheets
- cleaning techniques, equipment and materials used in a companion animal workplace
- workplace guidelines and approaches to environmental sustainability, including resource use and disposal of waste
- requirements of relevant record-keeping system.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - a pet grooming workplace or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - live dogs for grooming with coats specified in the performance evidence
 - products, tools and equipment for grooming dogs specified in the performance evidence
 - PPE suitable for grooming activity and handling disinfectants and cleaning agents
 - workplace record-keeping/information management system.
- specifications:
 - workplace and manufacturer instructions for use and maintenance of the tools, equipment and supplies specified in the performance evidence

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: - <https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b75f4b23-54c9-4cc9-a5db-d3502d154103>