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ACMGRM302 Perform a cross breed clip

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Modification History

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Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 1.0.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to prepare and clip the different coat types that occur in cross breed dogs.

The unit applies to individuals working in the companion animal industry sector where cross breed dog grooming services are provided. They take responsibility for their own work and for the quality of the work of others. This includes using discretion and judgement in the selection, allocation and use of available resources.

No occupational licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Pre-requisite Unit

The prerequisite units of competency for this unit are:

- ACMCAS306 Provide grooming services for companion animal comfort
- ACMCAS307 Provide companion animal hydro-bathing services
- ACMGRM301 Perform dog grooms on different coat types

Unit Sector

Grooming (GRM)

Elements and Performance Criteria

Elements	Performance Criteria
<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Determine cross breed dog clipping requirements	1.1 Evaluate coat characteristics 1.2 Investigate dog's history and experience of clipping 1.3 Clarify client requirements

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	1.4 Evaluate coat condition and impact on general health of dog and report to client to determine dog's clipping needs 1.5 Plan individual dog's clipping needs
2. Use scissoring techniques on experienced dogs	2.1 Select scissors for different cross bred coat types and different body areas 2.2 Prepare scissors and maintain during use according to organisational standards and manufacturers' specifications 2.3 Identify and manage safety risks when using scissors around dogs 2.4 Use scissors to trim coat on all body areas under supervision
3. Select and use clipping equipment on experienced dogs	3.1 Prepare and maintain clippers during clipping according to organisational standards and manufacturers' specifications 3.2 Identify and manage safety risks when using clippers on dogs 3.3 Select clippers and blades for different coat types 3.4 Select clippers and blades to trim specific body areas 3.5 Use clippers to trim coat on all body parts under supervision
4. Tidy a cross bred clip	4.1 Identify and evaluate a range of clip types for cross bred dogs 4.2 Determine previous clip shape 4.3 Plan procedure to restore previous clip style 4.4 Restore previous clip style using clippers and scissors 4.5 Use plucking or other techniques to complete cross bred clip
5. Introduce trimming and clipping to nervous or inexperienced dogs	5.1 Assess dogs for potential behavioural problems related to previous negative clipping experiences 5.2 Condition inexperienced dogs to accept handling of body areas for clipping and trimming 5.3 Practice techniques to control or restrain nervous or distressed dogs during clipping and trimming

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	5.4 Use scissors to accustom dogs to the sensation of trimming 5.5 Use clippers to introduce dogs to the sensation of clipping
6. Establish cross bred clips for a range of cross bred coat types under supervision	6.1 Select clip type according to coat type and individual dog's requirements 6.2 Prepare dog for clipping 6.3 Select and prepare tools and equipment for clipping different cross bred coat types according to organisational standards and manufacturers' specifications 6.4 Complete clip pattern using scissors, clippers, hand plucking, as appropriate for a range of cross breed coat types and needs 6.5 Reassess dogs after their clip to ensure the clip meets client's requirements 6.6 Explain maintenance requirements for dog coat between clipping appointments to client 6.7 Update records according to organisational policies and procedures 6.8 Clean and maintain equipment according to organisational standards and manufacturers' specifications and dispose of waste using environmentally appropriate methods

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria.

Skill	Description
Reading	Check instruction manuals for clipping equipment and ensure information is correctly applied
Oral communication	Speak clearly to clients, listen carefully to their requirements for the dog clip and ask clarifying questions as necessary

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMGRM302 Perform a cross breed clip	ACMGRM302A Perform a cross breed clip	Updated to meet Standard Training Packages	Equivalent unit

Links

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Assessment Requirements for ACMGRM302 Perform a cross breed clip

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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 performed at least three cross breed clips (at least one nervous or inexperienced dog), including:

- assessed health and condition of animal's coat and determined clipping requirements with client
- followed workplace instructions to apply industry-recognised grooming and styling techniques to establish/maintain/restore coat and breed features for cross breed dogs
- handled dogs in a safe and humane manner
- selected, used and maintained grooming and styling equipment and supplies according to manufacturers' specifications and industry standards
- identified dog behavioural characteristics and used dog handling and restraint techniques
- maintained records and followed up with clients' ongoing maintenance requirements between appointments.

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:

- disinfectants, cleaning agents, cleaning techniques and cleaning equipment and materials used in a companion animal workplace
- dog anatomy and physiology related to grooming and clipping procedures
- dog behaviour traits, signs of distress or illness
- dog coat types and how to determine coat characteristics
- dog grooming products, techniques and services
- industry-recognised grooming and clipping establishment, maintenance and restoration techniques, procedures and equipment for cross breed dog coat types and conditions
- lifestyle- and activity-related considerations for clipping of cross breed dogs
- pre- and post-clipping products, techniques and services

- principles of animal ethics and welfare
- safe dog handling and restraint techniques and procedures
- standards, guidelines and approaches to environmental sustainability relevant to the animal care industry
- zoonotic diseases and methods of prevention and control.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - skills must be demonstrated in a workplace setting or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - live cross breed dogs
 - clippers, scissors and other grooming equipment
 - grooming products
 - cleaning products and equipment
 - devices used for restraint of dogs.

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

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