



Australian Government

ACMGRM304 Perform grooms on cross breed dogs

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Modification History

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

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to prepare and groom the different coat types that occur in cross breed dogs. It covers selecting and safely applying appropriate grooming techniques, including scissoring and clipping, for different coat types.

The unit applies to individuals working in the companion animal industry sector where grooming services of cross breed dogs are provided. They work independently and take responsibility for the quality of their own work, including carrying out assigned tasks, selecting products and techniques, solving problems and working to required timeframes.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures according to Commonwealth and state/territory health and safety and animal welfare regulations, legislation and standards that apply to the workplace.

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

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

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 grooming requirements for cross breed dogs	1.1 Evaluate coat characteristics and conformation of cross breed dogs 1.2 Investigate dog's previous experience of grooming and clarify client requirements for current groom

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	1.3 Evaluate coat condition and impact on general health of dog, and report to client to determine grooming needs 1.4 Plan individual dog's grooming needs 1.5 Select and correctly fit appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) for grooming activity
2. Select equipment and techniques for scissoring	2.1 Select, prepare and maintain scissors for different cross breed coat types and different body areas according to organisational requirements and manufacturer specifications 2.2 Identify and manage safety risks to people and dogs when using scissors 2.3 Identify scissoring techniques to trim coat on different body areas
3. Select equipment and techniques for clipping	3.1 Prepare and maintain clippers during clipping according to workplace requirements and manufacturer instructions 3.2 Identify and manage safety risks to people and dogs when using clippers 3.3 Select clippers and blades appropriate for different coat types and specific body areas 3.4 Identify techniques for clipping different coat types and body areas
4. Introduce grooming to dogs with special handling requirements	4.1 Identify dogs with special handling requirements 4.2 Condition dogs with special handling requirements to accept handling of body areas for clipping and trimming 4.3 Use techniques to control, secure or restrain dogs with special handling requirements during clipping and trimming 4.4 Use scissors to accustom dogs to the sensation of trimming 4.5 Use clippers to introduce dogs to the sensation of clipping 4.6 Use nail scissors and/or nail file/grinder to accustom dogs to the sensation of having nails groomed
5. Tidy a cross breed clip	5.1 Identify and evaluate a range of clip styles for cross breed dogs 5.2 Determine previous clip style or shape 5.3 Plan procedure to restore previous clip style 5.4 Restore previous clip style using clippers and scissors 5.5 Use other appropriate technique to complete cross breed clip

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6. Complete full groom of cross breed dog	6.1 Select grooming methods according to coat type and individual dog's requirements 6.2 Select and prepare tools and equipment for individual dog's coat type according to workplace standards and manufacturer instructions 6.3 Prepare dog and complete groom using appropriate equipment and techniques for a range of cross breed coat types and needs 6.4 Review groom to ensure it meets client's requirements and agreed grooming plan
7. Complete grooming process	7.1 Provide animal with water, house safely and monitor animal until client arrives 7.2 Return dog to client or supervisor and discuss coat maintenance requirements between grooming appointments 7.3 Clean, sanitise and store grooming equipment, and audit and record supplies 7.4 Collect and dispose of waste material according to workplace health and safety, environmental and legislative requirements 7.5 Document grooming services for invoicing

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	Interpret grooming equipment instruction manuals to ensure information is correctly applied
Writing	Use industry terminology when completing records
Oral communication	Determine client requirements through open-ended questioning, active listening, paraphrasing and summarising
Numeracy	Interpret numerical information provided with dog grooming products and equipment

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMGRM304 Perform grooms on cross breed dogs	ACMGRM302 Perform a cross breed clip	Title changed Prerequisites removed Changes to element and performance criteria wording and order for clarity New element 7 Assessment requirements updated	Not equivalent
ACMGRM304 Perform grooms on cross breed dogs	ACMCAS407 Provide professional companion animal grooming services	Some content is covered in this revised unit	Not equivalent

Links

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