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ACMGRM401 Carry out advanced grooming to dog breed standards

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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.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to groom and style the different coat types that occur in dog breed groups as specified by the Australian National Kennel Council.

The unit applies to experienced dog groomers who work in the companion animal industry sector where specialist breed-specific grooming services are provided, including for conformation or grooming competitions and shows. They take responsibility for their own work and, where relevant, the outcomes of others. They analyse information, solve problems and exercise judgement to complete a range of highly skilled grooming activities and demonstrate in-depth knowledge in specialist grooming techniques.

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

The prerequisite unit of competency for this unit is:

- ACMGRM305 Groom dogs to meet breed style and coat requirements.

Note the following chain of prerequisites that also apply to this unit.

Unit of competency	Prerequisite requirement
ACMGRM305 Groom dogs to meet breed style and coat requirements	ACMGRM304 Perform grooms on cross breed dogs

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. Identify requirements of dogs within specific breed groups recognised in Australia	1.1 Determine classification of the dog breed 1.2 Identify the range of dogs and coat types within the breed group 1.3 Identify requirements of the breed for grooming to show or competition standards, and confirm with client 1.4 Select and prepare grooming tools, equipment and supplies, and conduct pre-operational safety checks
2. Prepare dog for grooming	2.1 Identify and interpret signs of dog behaviour traits and ill health 2.2 Select and correctly fit personal protective equipment appropriate for grooming tasks 2.3 Use safe and effective techniques to restrain dog and monitor for signs of stress 2.4 Wash dog according to coat types and condition 2.5 Apply products to coat to manage styling techniques for specific breed coat types 2.6 Dry coat according to coat types and specific breed standards
3. Clean or trim specific breed coat furnishings	3.1 Trim nails using appropriate equipment and techniques 3.2 Clean eyes and trim or remove surrounding hair according to breed standards 3.3 Clean ears and trim or remove hair according to breed standards 3.4 Remove stains from white or light coloured coat, if required 3.5 Clean face wrinkles on dog of brachycephalic breeds 3.6 Trim feet hair according to breed standards
4. Groom and style specific breed groups and coat types	4.1 Identify grooming styles for specific breed and coat types 4.2 Perform techniques used to establish and maintain grooming styles for specific breed and coat type 4.3 Use grooming techniques to complete specific breed group style 4.4 Use scissoring and finishing techniques to complete groom of

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	specific breed group
5. Complete post-styling procedures	5.1 Return dog to client or supervisor and explain techniques for maintaining groom between styling sessions 5.2 Create or update records for grooming service 5.3 Clean and maintain equipment according to manufacturer instructions and workplace procedures 5.4 Clean styling area and dispose of waste with consideration to workplace health and safety, environmental and biosecurity hazards

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 characteristics of dog breed types from recognised industry sources
Writing	Use industry terminology in completing grooming records
Oral communication	Determine client requirements through open-ended questioning, active listening, paraphrasing and summarising
Numeracy	- Calculate dilution ratios for shampoo and cleaning and disinfectant products - Interpret numerical information provided on pet grooming products and equipment

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMGRM401 Carry out advanced grooming to dog	ACMGRM406 Carry out breed standard styling on	Title changed Prerequisites updated	Equivalent

breed standards	dog breed groups	Minor changes to performance criteria for clarity Assessment requirements updated	
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Links

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Assessment Requirements for ACMGRM401 Carry out advanced grooming to dog breed standards

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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 independently performed Australian National Kennel Council breed standard grooming on a total of five dogs, including one from each of the following three groups:

- Group 1 Toys – breed standard grooming, including scissoring and/or clipping of one of the following breeds:
 - Bichon Frise, Yorkshire Terrier, Papillon, Pomeranian, Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Havanese, or Maltese
- Group 2 Terriers – breed standard grooming, including hand stripping of one of the following breeds:
 - Airedale, West Highland White Terrier, Border Terrier, Cairn Terrier, Fox Terrier (wire coat), Irish Terrier, Scottish Terrier
- Group 3 Gundogs – breed standard grooming, including some or part hand stripping of:
 - Irish Setter, Cocker Spaniel (American or English), English Springer Spaniel, Lagotto Romagnolo, or Gordon Setter.

In addition to the three dogs selected above, the individual must groom two dogs, one from each of the following:

- one Poodle, including one of the following trims:
 - German, Scandinavian, continental, puppy, English saddle
- one other breed selected from the following:
 - Schnauzer, Portuguese Water Dog, Samoyed, Bernese Mountain Dog, Shih Tzu, or Alaskan Malamute.

In doing the above, the individual must have:

- identified the breed classification and coat grooming requirements correctly
- assessed behaviour, and health and condition of each dog's coat, prior to grooming
- discussed grooming requirements with at least two clients
- handled and secured each dog in a safe and humane manner

- prepared, washed and dried each dog's coat and used industry-recognised grooming and styling techniques to establish, maintain or restore the dog's coat
- selected, used and maintained grooming equipment and supplies according to workplace and manufacturer instructions
- selected, fitted and correctly used personal protective equipment
- 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:

- characteristics of dog breed groups recognised by the Australian National Kennel Council, including:
 - Group 1 Toys
 - Group 2 Terriers
 - Group 3 Gundogs
 - Group 4 Hounds
 - Group 5 Working dogs
 - Group 6 Utility dogs
 - Group 7 Non-sporting dogs
- coat types and requirements for grooming a dog to meet breed standard
- dog anatomy, physiology and conformation related to grooming procedures
- dog behaviour traits and signs of distress or illness
- dog grooming and styling products
- types and uses of grooming tools and equipment, including clippers and blade sizes, and scissors
- industry-recognised grooming and styling establishment, maintenance and restoration techniques, procedures and equipment for specific-breed dog coat
- techniques and equipment for removing stains from light coloured dogs
- risks associated with removal of hairs from ears
- safe dog handling, securing and restraint techniques and procedures, including:
 - low stress handling techniques
 - selection and use of restraints
 - techniques used to introduce puppies and inexperienced dogs to grooming
- personal protective equipment, including protection for hands, face, eyes, ears and feet
- infection control, including:
 - transmission of zoonoses relating to dogs
 - identification and control of parasites, including ectoparasites
 - workplace vaccination policy
 - personal and workplace hygiene standards
- workplace record-keeping systems and procedures

- workplace health and safety, hygiene and environmental procedures relating to dog grooming, including:
 - safe manual handling
 - use of disinfectants and cleaning agents
 - cleaning and sanitising techniques, equipment and materials
 - disposal of waste
- principles of animal ethics and welfare, and key requirements of animal welfare legislative requirements and codes of practice.

Assessment Conditions

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

- physical conditions:
 - a dog grooming workplace or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - live dogs from the breed groups specified in the performance evidence
 - clippers, scissors and other grooming equipment, including personal protective equipment
 - grooming products
 - cleaning products and equipment
 - devices used for securing or restraining dogs
 - workplace record-keeping/information management system
- relationships:
 - clients 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.

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