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ACMGRM402 Groom cats of different breeds and coat types

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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 the different coat types that occur in cat breeds. It assumes a working knowledge of basic pet first aid and cat behaviour and handling.

The unit applies to individuals who work in the companion animal industry sector where cat-specific grooming services are provided for hygiene and welfare purposes. 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 skilled activities and demonstrate in-depth knowledge in a specific technical area.

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:

- ACMBEH301 Identify behaviours and interact safely with animals.

Unit Sector

Grooming (GRM)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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1. Identify cat within	1.1 Identify cat breed group

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recognised cat breed groups	1.2 Identify the range of coat types within different cat breed groups 1.3 Identify relevant grooming standards and requirements for cat breed groups
2. Plan grooming for individual cat's needs	2.1 Identify and recognise behaviour traits and signs of ill health 2.2 Determine the risks associated with grooming cats, and minimise according to health and safety and animal welfare requirements 2.3 Evaluate coat and skin condition and impact on general health of cat, and discuss with client to determine the cat's grooming needs 2.4 Select and prepare tools and equipment used for specific coat types and purposes, and conduct pre-operational safety checks
3. Prepare cat for grooming	3.1 Select and correctly fit personal protective equipment (PPE) appropriate for grooming activity 3.2 Use safe and effective techniques to secure cat for grooming, taking into consideration anatomy and comfort, and monitor for signs of stress 3.3 Trim nails and apply nail caps if required 3.4 Identify clip requirements for cat breeds and coat types 3.5 Perform sanitary or belly clip if required 3.6 Clip or shave cat to remove excess coat, mats or knots for cat health and comfort
4. Wash and dry cat	4.1 Organise equipment and area for bathing cat 4.2 Select and prepare cat bathing products according to skin and coat types 4.3 Use bathing techniques and products to clean and thoroughly rinse cat and enhance coat properties 4.4 Clean eyes, ears and face wrinkles 4.5 Dry cat using techniques and equipment appropriate for coat types and breed requirements
5. Groom cat coats	5.1 Identify grooming techniques for different cat breeds and coats 5.2 Perform techniques to establish and maintain coat between professional grooms for cat breeds and coat types 5.3 Perform face trim after bath when cat is clean and dry, if required

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6. Complete post-grooming procedures	6.1 Return cat to client and discuss coat maintenance requirements between grooming appointments 6.2 Create or update client records according to workplace procedures 6.3 Clean, sanitise and maintain equipment according to manufacturer instructions and workplace procedures 6.4 Clean and sanitise work areas and dispose of waste according to workplace health and safety, environmental and biosecurity requirements

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 information and instructions related to grooming products and equipment accurately - Interpret characteristics of cat breed types from recognised industry sources
Writing	Use industry terminology when completing grooming documents
Oral communication	Determine client requirements through open-ended questioning, active listening, paraphrasing and summarising
Numeracy	- Calculate volume, weight, area, ratio and time - Interpret numerical information provided with cat grooming products and equipment

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMGRM402 Groom cats of	ACMGRM405 Carry out styling on	Title changed	Equivalent

different breeds and coat types	cats of different breeds and coat types	Prerequisites updated Changes to performance criteria and assessment requirements for clarity and consistency and to reflect current industry practice	
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Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: -
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Assessment Requirements for ACMGRM402 Groom cats of different breeds and coat types

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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 groomed at least three cats, within industry accepted timeframes for cats, including:

- one short-haired coat groom
- one full long-haired coat groom, incorporating a sanitary and/or belly shave and lion cut
- one extra-long-haired coat groom incorporating a guard comb trim.

In doing the above, the individual must have:

- identified the breed of each cat correctly
- assessed behaviour and health and condition of each cat's coat prior to grooming
- discussed grooming requirements with at least two clients
- safely secured and handled each cat in a humane manner
- demonstrated the appropriate and correct use of the following equipment:
 - clippers, including correct blade selection and use of snap-on combs
 - blunt tipped curved face trimming scissors
 - slicker brush and rubber curry brush
 - combs, including coarse and fine tooth
- selected, fitted and correctly used personal protective equipment
- maintained grooming equipment and supplies according to workplace and manufacturer instructions
- completed post-grooming cleaning and housekeeping procedures
- maintained records for each cat.

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:

- features and requirements of cat breed standards
- purpose of grooming cats
- cat behaviour, anatomy and physiology related to grooming procedures and products, including:
 - common behaviour traits
 - range of movement
 - signs of pain, distress or illness
 - issues relating to brachycephalic breeds
- cat coat types, characteristics and breed group grooming requirements
- cat grooming products, techniques and services
- requirements for a safe grooming environment
- types and uses of grooming tools and equipment, including clippers and blade sizes and scissors
- correct use of the following equipment:
 - clippers, including correct blade selection and use of snap-on combs
 - blunt tipped curved face trimming scissors
 - slicker brush and rubber curry brush
 - combs, including coarse and fine tooth
- personal protective equipment, including protection for hands, face, eyes, ears and feet
- safe cat handling and restraint techniques and procedures, including:
 - low stress handling techniques
 - selection and use of cat muzzles and restraints
 - techniques to introduce kittens and inexperienced cats to grooming
 - recognising when chemical sedation is required
- risks to cats of medicines, chemicals and products used for humans, canines and premises, including:
 - products and chemicals that cannot be used on cats
 - potential consequences of unsafe/non-approved products used on cats
 - awareness of the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA)
- issues related to temperature dependant coats
- infection control, including transmission of zoonoses relating to cats
- workplace record-keeping systems and procedures
- workplace health and safety, hygiene and environmental sustainability procedures relating to cat grooming, including:
 - safe manual handling
 - use of disinfectants and cleaning agents
 - cleaning and sanitising techniques, equipment and materials, including safety data sheets
 - resource use and 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 pet grooming workplace or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - live cats for grooming as specified in the performance evidence
 - products, tools and equipment for grooming cats specified in the performance evidence, including personal protective equipment
 - cleaning products and equipment
 - devices used for securing or restraining of cats
 - workplace record-keeping/information system
- specifications:
 - workplace and manufacturer instructions for use and maintenance of the tools, equipment and supplies specified in the performance evidence
- 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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