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ACMGRM405 Carry out styling on 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 1.0.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to style the different coat types that occur in cat breeds.

The unit applies to individuals who work in the companion animal industry sector where cat-specific grooming services are typically provided for hygiene and comfort purposes. They analyse information and exercise judgement to complete a range of skilled activities and demonstrate deep knowledge in a specific technical area.

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

Work health and safety and animal welfare legislation applies to workers in this industry. Requirements vary between industry sectors and state/territory jurisdictions. Users are advised to check with the relevant authority for specific requirements.

NOTE: The terms ‘occupational health and safety’ (OHS) and ‘work health and safety’ (WHS) generally have the same meaning in the workplace. In jurisdictions where the national model WHS legislation has not been implemented, RTOs must contextualise the unit of competency by referring to current OHS legislative requirements.

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
- ACMSPE305 Provide basic care of domestic cats.

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 cats within recognised cat breed groups	1.1 Determine which breed group the cat is in as recognised by the Coordinating Cat Council of Australia 1.2 Identify the range of cats and coat types within the determined group 1.3 Identify the requirements of cats within breed group for grooming to show standards
2. Plan styling for individual cat's needs	2.1 Identify and recognise signs of behaviour traits and ill health 2.2 Determine the risks associated with grooming cats and minimise according to WHS and animal welfare requirements 2.3 Evaluate coat condition and impact on general health of cat, and discuss with client to determine the cat's styling needs
3. Prepare cats for styling	3.1 Use safe and effective techniques to restrain cats for styling and monitor for signs of stress 3.2 Trim nails and apply nail caps if requested 3.3 Clip cats to remove mats if it is determined that this is the best option for cat health and comfort, or if a full-clip has been requested by client 3.4 Groom cats to remove excess coat, knots, mats and debris 3.5 Perform sanitary or belly clip if required 3.6 Perform external evacuation of anal glands if required 3.7 Perform face trim as required by breed standard, if required
4. Wash and dry cats	4.1 Select and prepare cat bathing products according to skin and coat types 4.2 Use bathing techniques and products to clean cats and enhance coat properties 4.3 Clean eyes, ears and face wrinkles 4.4 Dry coats according to coat types and breed requirements 4.5 Apply post-wash grooming products to manage coat and skin characteristics
5. Groom and style cat coats	5.1 Identify clip styles for cat breeds and coat types 5.2 Perform techniques used to establish and maintain clip types for

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	cat breeds and coat types 5.3 Use scissoring and hand finishing techniques to complete styling of cat breeds 5.4 Use grooming techniques to complete cat breed standards and coat types
6. Complete post-styling procedures	6.1 Explain techniques for maintaining breed and coat types between styling sessions to clients 6.2 Create or update client records according to organisational policies and procedures 6.3 Clean and maintain equipment according to manufacturer's instructions and industry standards 6.4 Clean styling area and dispose of waste with consideration to WHS, 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
Oral communication	Discuss client needs in relation to styling requirements in a clear and friendly manner, listening carefully and asking clarifying questions where required
Reading	Use recognised publications to identify and understand characteristics of cat breed types and requirements of breed standards

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMGRM405 Carry out styling	ACMGRM405A Carry out styling on	Updated to meet Standards for Training	Equivalent unit

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on cats of different breeds and coat types	cats of different breeds and coat types	Packages	

Links

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

Assessment Requirements for ACMGRM405 Carry out styling on 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, on at least three occasions, the individual has carried out styling on cats to industry-recognised grooming and styling technique standards. Skills must be demonstrated with at least two of either short-haired, long-haired or dense-thick coat cats and include having:

- correctly identified the classification and breed of cat to be groomed
- assessed health and condition of cat's coat and determined styling requirements with client/owner
- handled and restrained the cat in a safe and humane manner
- prepared and washed animal's coat and applied industry-recognised grooming and styling techniques to either establish, maintain or restore cat's coat
- selected, used and maintained grooming and styling equipment and supplies according to manufacturers' specifications and industry standards
- cleaned styling area according to industry standards
- maintained records and followed up with clients relating to the ongoing management of grooming and styling of their 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:

- Coordinating Cat Council of Australia cat breed standards
- principles and practices for styling cats
- cat anatomy and physiology related to grooming procedures and products
- cat behaviour traits and signs of distress or illness
- cat coat types and characteristics
- cat grooming and styling products, techniques and services
- disinfectants, cleaning agents, cleaning techniques and cleaning equipment and materials

- grooming and styling tools and equipment
- grooming and styling establishment, maintenance and restoration techniques, procedures and equipment for cat fancy and non-show cat coat types and conditions
- safe cat handling and restraint techniques and procedures
- show grooming requirements for cat fancy breed standards and coat types
- show standard and comfort styling techniques for cats
- relevant recordkeeping systems
- standards, guidelines and approaches to environmental sustainability relevant to the companion animal industry
- techniques to introduce kittens and inexperienced cats to grooming and styling
- workplace hygiene standards, disinfectants, cleaning agents, cleaning techniques and cleaning equipment and materials
- work health and safety (WHS) and animal welfare legislative requirements and codes of practice.

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:
 - range of live cats for grooming
 - products and equipment for grooming cats
 - disinfectants and cleaning agents
 - devices used for restraint of cats.

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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