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ACMGRM406 Carry out breed standard styling on dog breed groups

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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 dog breed groups recognised by the Australian National Kennel Council.

The unit applies to individuals who work in the companion animal industry sector where specialist breed-specific grooming services are provided. These individuals 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
- 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. Identify dogs within the specific breed group as 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 standards, and confirm with client
2. Prepare dog for styling	2.1 Identify and recognise signs of behaviour traits and ill health 2.2 Perform external evacuation of animal's anal glands if required 2.3 Use safe and effective techniques to restrain dog and monitor for signs of stress 2.4 Wash dogs according to coat types and condition 2.5 Apply products to coats to manage styling techniques for specific breed coat types 2.6 Dry coats according to coat types and specific breed standards
3. Clean, trim or pluck specific breed coat furnishings	3.1 Trim nails 3.2 Clean eyes and trim or pluck surrounding hair according to breed standards 3.3 Clean ears and trim or pluck hair according to breed standards 3.4 Remove stains from white or light coloured coats 3.5 Clean face wrinkles 3.6 Trim feet hair
4. Groom and style specific breed group coats	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 types 4.3 Use grooming techniques to complete specific group breed styles 4.4 Use scissoring and hand finishing techniques to complete clipping of specific group breed
5. Complete post-styling procedures	5.1 Explain techniques for maintaining breed and coat types between styling sessions to clients 5.2 Create or update client's record 5.3 Clean and maintain equipment according to manufacturer's instructions and industry standards

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	5.4 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	Use questioning techniques and active listening to clarify, discuss and confirm grooming requirements with clients
Navigate the world of work	Follow legislative requirements relating to own role and work area

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMGRM406 Carry out breed standard styling on dog breed groups	ACMGRM401A Carry out breed standard styling on Gun dog, Working dog and Hound dog breed groups	Unit developed to meet Standards for Training Packages.	No equivalent unit
	ACMGRM402A Carry out breed standard styling on Non-sporting and Toy dog breed groups	Content from three units merged to create one unit.	No equivalent unit
	ACMGRM403A Carry out breed standard styling on Terrier and Utility dog groups		No equivalent unit

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: -
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Assessment Requirements for ACMGRM406 Carry out breed standard styling on dog breed groups

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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 breed standard styling on dogs from at least three different breeds, each of which is a member of a breed group recognised by the Australian National Kennel Council, and has:

- correctly identified the classification and breed of the dog to be groomed
- assessed health and condition of dog's coat and determined styling requirements with client/owner
- handled and restrained the dog 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 dog'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 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
- requirements for styling a dog to meet breed standard
- principles of animal ethics and welfare
- disinfectants, cleaning agents, cleaning techniques and cleaning equipment and materials used in a companion animal workplace
- dog anatomy and physiology related to grooming procedures
- dog behaviour traits and signs of distress or illness
- dog grooming and styling products, techniques and services

- industry-recognised grooming and styling establishment, maintenance and restoration techniques, procedures and equipment for specific breed dog coat
- relevant recordkeeping systems
- techniques used to introduce puppies and inexperienced dogs to grooming and styling
- safe dog handling and restraint techniques and procedures
- 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:
 - live standard breed dogs for grooming
 - 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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