

Modification history

Release	Comments
Release 2	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 4.0.
Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 1.0.

ACMGRM406	Carry out breed standard grooming on dog breed groups
Application	<p>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.</p> <p>The unit applies to individuals who work in the companion animal industry sector where specialist breed-specific grooming services are provided. 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.</p> <p>All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures according to state/territory health and safety and animal welfare regulations, legislation and standards that apply to the workplace.</p> <p>No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.</p>
Prerequisite Unit	Nil
Unit Sector	Grooming (GRM)

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 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 standards, and confirm with client
2. Prepare dog for grooming	2.1 Identify and recognise signs of 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 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 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 coats 3.5 Clean face wrinkles on dogs of brachycephalic breeds 3.6 Trim feet hair

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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 finishing techniques to complete groom of specific group breed
5. Complete post-styling procedures	5.1 Explain techniques for maintaining groom between styling sessions to clients 5.2 Create or update records 5.3 Clean and maintain equipment according to manufacturer's 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	
<i>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.</i>	
Skill	Description
Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accurately interpret product information and instructions on grooming products and equipment
Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use industry terminology when completing grooming documents
Oral communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine client requirements through open-ended questioning, active listening, paraphrasing and summarising
Numeracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calculate volume, weight, area, ratio, time and application rates Interpret numerical information provided with dog grooming products and equipment

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Skill	Description
Oral communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use questioning techniques and active listening to clarify, discuss and confirm grooming requirements with clients
Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use industry terminology in completing records
Numeracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calculate dilution ratios for shampoo and cleaning and disinfectant products
Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interpret characteristics of dog breed types from recognised industry sources

Unit Mapping Information			
Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMGRM406 Carry out breed standard grooming on dog breed groups	ACMGRM406 Carry out breed standard styling on dog breed groups	Minor edits to performance criteria for clarity Changed assessment requirements	Equivalent unit

Links
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TITLE	Assessment requirements for ACMGRM406 Carry out breed standard styling on dog breed groups
Performance Evidence	
<p>An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.</p> <p>There must be evidence (direct observation or video evidence) that the individual has independently performed Australian National Kennel Council breed standard grooming on five dogs from the following groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group 1-Toys - breed standard grooming, including scissoring and/or clipping of one of the following breeds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airedale, West Highland White Terrier, Border Terrier, Cairn Terrier, Fox Terrier (wire coat), Irish Terrier, Scottish Terrier • Group 3 Gundog - breed standard grooming, including some or part hand stripping of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irish Setter, Cocker Spaniel (American or English) English Springer Spaniel, Lagotto Romagnolo, or Gordon Setter • One Poodle including one of the following trims: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • German, Scandinavian, continental, puppy, English saddle • Others - one of the following breeds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schnauzer, Portuguese Water Dog, Samoyed, Burmese Mountain Dog, Shih Tzu, or Alaskan Malamute <p>In doing the above, the individual must have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • correctly identified the breed classification and coat grooming requirements • 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 use personal protective equipment • completed post-grooming cleaning and housekeeping procedures • maintained records for each dog. 	

Knowledge Evidence
<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • characteristics of dog breed groups recognised by the Australian National Kennel Council, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

<p>Knowledge Evidence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • risks associated with removal of hairs from ears • safe dog handling, securing and restraint techniques and procedures, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • low stress handling techniques • selection and use of restraints • techniques used to introduce puppies and inexperienced dogs to grooming • personal protective equipment (PPE) suitable for activity, including gloves, masks, closed/non-slip shoes, goggles and/or earmuffs • infection control, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • transmission of zoonoses relating to dogs • identification and control of parasites, including ectoparasites • workplace vaccination policy • personal and workplace hygiene standards • workplace recordkeeping systems and procedures • workplace health and safety, hygiene and environmental procedures relating to dog grooming, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	
<p>Assessment Conditions</p> <p>Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • physical conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • skills must be demonstrated in a workplace setting or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions • resources, equipment and materials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • live standard breed dogs for grooming as 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. • relationships (internal/external): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clients stipulated in the performance evidence. <p>Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.</p>	
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