



CHECKLIST FOR BECOMING A PROFESSIONAL PET GROOMER



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So you want to become a professional pet groomer? Here's what you need to know.

- You want to start a career in Pet Grooming
- You love working with animals
- You're strong and healthy
- You understand basic animal training/behavior
- You know your basics: anatomy, tools, and breed recognition
- You keep up with grooming trends!
- You meet the education requirement





You want to start a career in pet grooming

First things first. What exactly is a pet groomer? What is a pet groomer's job responsibility and what is your career outlook?

A professional pet groomer's main job is to help maintain a pet's appearance. This includes bathing, brushing, styling and trimming coats, and clipping nails. However, pet groomers are also responsible for the early detection of skin or tooth diseases, which should then be treated by professional veterinarians.

Pet groomers can work in a variety of environments, including grooming salons, veterinary clinics, pet stores, kennels and more! According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment in this industry is expected to grow 11% in the next 10 years, which is faster than the average occupation growth!

You love working with animals

You love working with animals? Check.

For the majority of the time, pet groomers will work with dogs. But as a pet groomer, you will also be expected to be able to groom other pets as well – such as cats, rabbits and even guinea pigs! So make sure you're comfortable with working with a variety of furry friends.

You will also need a lot of patience when working with animals, especially when dealing with misbehaving pets or pets that don't like to sit still.

☑ *You understand basic animal training/behavior*

As mentioned above, you will most likely be dealing with difficult pets. Therefore, knowing some basic animal training will come in handy. This can include keeping pets still while you're grooming, using positive reinforcement methods to help pets acclimate to your surroundings, and more. This is important as you have to be able to protect your own safety from any animal scratches and/ or bites.

☑ *You're strong and healthy*

It may come to you as a surprise, but pet grooming requires a lot of physical stamina. You will constantly be lifting pets of all sizes, and you have to be quick to prevent any escapees!

Also, if you have asthma, arthritis or pet allergies, pet grooming may not be the best career choice.





You know your basics: anatomy, tools, and breed recognition

As a pet groomer, you will be responsible for grooming different breeds of animals, thus you must be able to easily differentiate and understand a variety of breeds. To provide basic grooming, you'll need to be aware of various coat types. Different pet sizes and coat types will require different equipment, tools and skill used for grooming.

In addition, since a pet groomer is also responsible for early detection of diseases, you will need to know the common health issues associated with the breed to look out for!



☑ *You meet the education requirement*

Although there is no formal education required for pet groomers, employers tend to look for groomers that have at least a high school diploma or equivalent.

Having a certification in pet grooming would also make you stand out, and teach you the skills mentioned above! Do some research for online dog grooming training programs or local dog grooming schools to choose a certificate program that works best for you!

Here are a few important topics that your certification course should teach you:

- Supplies and equipment
- Bathing and Drying
- Clipping and scissoring techniques
- Breed and coat types
- Anatomy and health care
- Training and Behavior

You should also double check your local regulations to ensure that no additional licensing requirements exist.



You're good to go

If you've checked off all the above, then you're ready to be a professional pet groomer!

Have a **pawesome** day!

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