

Practicum Unit 3: The Teddy Bear Cut

Assignment 1: Preparation

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The teddy bear cut is one of the most requested pet cuts and an essential skill for any groomer. In this unit, you will create the teddy bear cut on a dog. The unit is divided into 6 assignments. Each assignment will ask you to complete a different aspect of the groom. You must work with the same dog for all 6 assignments. In Assignment 1, you will film a “before” video of the dog and prepare for the groom.

To complete all 6 parts of this assignment you will need the following:

- A video camera and someone to film the dog. In order to show the dog’s features, you will need to handle the dog while your friend films him.
- A dog suitable for a teddy bear cut
- A signed copy of the release form for Practicum Unit 3
- The products, tools and equipment needed to complete your prep work
- A selection of brushes and combs
- Clippers
- The appropriate clipper blades and/or snap-on combs
- The appropriate pairs of scissors

Guidelines for selecting a dog:

Choose a dog whose coat is at least two inches long. The dog must have sufficient coat length so you can trim and style the hair.

Remember: When you are grooming a dog, he must be safely restrained on a non-slip surface.

Step 1:

Start by reading through the instructions for all the assignments in Practicum Unit 3. This will give you an overview of what to expect as you work through each assignment.

Step 2:

Choose a dog to work with. Remember that you will be working with the same dog for the next 6 assignments. Before you begin, you must obtain a signed copy of the release form for Practicum Unit 3.

Step 3:

It is essential to work with a dog whose coat is clean, straight, detangled and completely combed through. Make sure all relevant prep work has been completed. This includes:

- Clipping the dog's footpads
- Trimming the dog's nails
- Removing any excess ear hair
- Brushing, deshedding and dematting the dog's coat
- Completing the sanitary cut
- Shampooing and rinsing the dog's coat
- Drying and straightening the dog's coat

Step 4:

Have your friend film a "before" video of the dog. Your friend should walk in a full circle around the dog to show his entire body from multiple angles.

Make sure your video clearly shows the following parts of the dog:

1. The face and head
2. The neck
3. The chest
4. The topline
5. The right and left sides of the dog

6. The undercarriage
7. The front legs and front feet. In your video, lift one of the dog's front legs so the foot hangs naturally.
8. The rear legs and rear feet. In your video, lift one of the dog's rear legs so the foot hangs naturally.
9. The rear. Show the rear with the tail hanging naturally and, if applicable, with the tail lifted.
10. The tail. If the dog has a long tail, hold the tail straight out from the dog's body to show its shape.

Your video should be up to 1 minute and 30 seconds long. Use the framing below.



Save the video to your computer. Next, upload your video to Youtube and include the link below:

Step 5:

The exact length of the teddy bear cut will depend on the owner's preference and the condition of the dog's coat. Examine the dog and take note of the shape of his body and the length and texture of his coat. Next, have a conversation with the dog's owner to determine his or her preferred length. Finally, select the appropriate blades and/or snap-on combs to achieve the desired look.

Upload the follow files to the Online Student Center:

1. Release form for Practicum Unit 3
2. This assignment template with the video link included.