

Thankyou for your enquiry regarding training at the Grooming Room

The Grooming Room was formerly called The Oxford Training School and has been established as a training centre for groomers for over 20 years. Our training aims to give you the basic knowledge, confidence and enthusiasm you will need for a career as a professional dog groomer.

We have recently restructured our training to better suit the needs of our students. Training is offered on a week-by-week basis so you can train for one week or ten - whatever you feel you will need. Obviously the longer you can devote to your training the more varied and extensive your experience as a groomer will be; for those of you who wish to run your own grooming business we suggest that between four and six weeks should be your minimum attendance giving you plenty of practice of grooming techniques and a variety of breeds to work on.

The aim of the dog grooming business as a whole is that all groomers should become City and Guilds qualified. This does require a great deal of practice in your skill and guidelines suggest that you should be able to plan for your exam after you have approx two years grooming experience. You will then most likely need some further training and advice preparing for your exam. The Grooming Room supports its students aiming for the exam and can offer training for its students when they decide to go for it!

The teaching style at The Grooming Room is predominantly practical, as is the nature of the business itself. From day one you will start practical work with step-by-step instruction. Student numbers are kept low to ensure you will get all the individual attention you need.

At the end of each salon day students complete a daily diary sheet and we encourage you to take 'before and after' photos of every dog that you work on. On completion of your training you will have produced a portfolio of your work containing invaluable information to approach your own clients dogs fully prepared.

On successful completion of your training you will receive a diploma from the school as proof of your training - for you to hang on the wall of your new workplace!

Our training aims to teach you the necessary skills to work as a professional dog groomer, practice, patience and determination on your part will make you a career.

The rest of this brochure will summarise how the training is organised on a weekly basis, if you want more information that you cannot find in the following pages then please feel free to telephone me.

I look forward to meeting those of you that decide to train at the school.

Kind Regards

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Training

Week One

Practical element

- Coat preparation - It is an essential part of the groomers job to prepare the coat properly for bathing. Correct and thorough grooming techniques will be discussed, demonstrated and then practiced. You will be given a variety of coat types to work on and be advised on tools that are most effective for each type. At this stage we will also teach you how to deal with mats in the dogs coat, showing safe and effective ways to remove them from the coat.
- Ear cleaning and removal of hair from the ears - information provided on ear infections and mites.
- Nail trimming
- Tooth cleaning and descaling.
- Bathing technique - including correct preparation and selection of shampoos.
- Drying - you will be instructed on the proper use of high pressure blaster dryers, drying cabinets and stand dryers to produce the correct coat finish.
- Personal safety and correct lifting procedures.
- Control and safety of dogs from grooming and ways of coping with the difficult dog!
- Grooming equipment - we discuss what equipment you will need to set up your new business and is required help you to create an individual list of equipment for you to order.

Week Two

- As week one preparation, bathing and drying
- Use of the Coat King.
- Clipper work - Techniques to produce neat and tidy clipper work on a variety of breeds and coat types - body work, close work [faces, ears] and clipper work on feet.
- Clipper blade sizes and selection.
- Introduction to hand stripping - techniques and assessment of coat suitability.
- Care of grooming equipment - blade cleaning, blade sharpening options, and hygiene and sterilisation methods for the grooming area.
- Client information - what you will need to ask new clients and ideas on how to create client records.

Week Three

- As weeks one and two - preparation, bathing, drying and clipper work.
- Basic scissor work - types of scissors and the effects created, use of safety, thinning and straight scissors.
- Simple trims on breeds such as types of spaniel, Collies, Retrievers, small terriers and cross breeds - blending, shaping and thinning coat to desired style.

- Animal First aid - directly related to the grooming salon [hopefully you will not need this information but this is essential in case of emergency].

Week Four

- As previous weeks - Preparation, bathing, drying, clipper work and scissor styling.
- Working on a larger variety of breeds such as Westies and long legged terriers, also puppy trims on heavy coats such as Bearded Collies.
- Business information - Advertising, Insurance, methods of account keeping and registration of self-employment.

Weeks Five & Six

- As previous weeks - Preparation, bathing, drying, clipper work and scissor styling on a variety of breeds.
- An opportunity to repeat popular breeds.
- Working on more difficult breeds and coat types such as Poodles, Bichon Frises or Airedales.

Weeks Seven and onwards

Additional weeks training will be spent practicing your new skills and covering a more extensive range of breeds that come into the salon. You will also be given the opportunity to complete dogs independently and have your work assessed to give you an idea of how you are progressing.

The Grooming Room cannot guarantee any student that they will cover a particular breed of dog. If you as a student have a breed that you specifically want to work on and you can find a suitable model dog this would be an option.

Who trains to be a dog groomer?

The answer to this is that anyone can come and train as a groomer but I have found that some people are more apt to the profession than others.

You need to be physically fit and full of energy and enthusiasm as this job can be very demanding, although rewarding.

People that are practically orientated often find this job most enjoyable, as it is a hands on profession, this is not to say that if you have worked in an office before you will not make a dog groomer but it will be a real change of direction and lifestyle.

There is a certain amount of natural flair required to make a really excellent dog groomer and this natural ability cannot be taught - however training will teach you all the necessary skills - if you are unsure whether dog grooming is the career for you it would be best to come on a taster day before booking your training.

COURSE PRICES

TASTER DAYS £95
[Please call to arrange next available date.]

Programme for Taster day

- Short lecture/discussion on dog grooming as a new career and research that is needed before you go ahead.
- Demonstration of full grooming service - coat preparation, ear cleaning, nail trimming and tooth descaling, bathing, drying, clipper work and scissor styling.
- Opportunity to do some practical grooming - clipping and scissoring is not covered practically.

TRAINING

Full training is £350 per week for the first four weeks.

After you have completed four weeks then further weeks will be £250 per week.

Please refer to enclosed year planner to see available dates for training, as training operates on a roll on roll off basis spaces are first come first serve. We will take no more than four students at any time.

A training week runs Monday to Thursday, we start at 10am and finish at 4pm.

To organise start dates then please select your preferred date and then call The Grooming Room to confirm availability.

Once you have an agreed start date than please complete the enclosed application form and send with your deposit to;

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