DOG GROOMER

Job Description:

**Dog Groomers** perform various grooming duties necessary to improve dogs’ hygiene and enhance their physical appearance. They bathe, brush, and dry dogs, clean their teeth and ears, as well as trim their nails and hair/fur. A dog groomer is responsible for the grooming of a dog. They do everything from brushing a dog's hair to cutting their nails. A few of the main duties of a dog groomer are talking with customers to select a grooming package, cleaning the dog's teeth, washing and shampooing the dog, and cutting the dog's hair. They also have to get the dogs to relax. Some of the jobs titles that a dog groomer could grow into are dog salon owner and dog stylist.

Job Responsibilities:

* Dematting and detangling hair as required.
* Bathing, conditioning, and drying dogs.
* Trimming dogs’ nails, brushing their teeth, and cleaning their ears.
* Grooming and styling dogs according to dog owners’ instructions or standard grooming styles.
* Accommodating special requests that dog owners may have.
* Identifying health issues in dogs, such as ear infections, skin conditions, or tooth decay, and informing dog owners of these observations.
* Ensuring that all dogs are safe during the grooming process.
* Routinely cleaning work areas.
* Recommending suitable products to dog owners.
* Ability to manage dog’s behavior
* Treat all dog’s humanely
* Performs a hands on dog assessment on all dogs to recommend services and build trust with the dog parents
* Perform dog grooming services to breed standards and to client’s personal preferences
* Maintain a high level of cleanliness, sanitation, and humane conditions for all dogs in the grooming area.
* Ensure the safety and well-being of every dog and associate in the store, taking immediate action whenever necessary
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Job Qualifications:

* High school diploma
* Certification through the National Dog Groomer Association of America required
* Unencumbered state license may be required
* Experience working with animals
* Experience as a dog groomer

Opportunities as a dog groomer are available for applicants without experience in which more than one dog groomer is needed in an area such that an experienced dog groomer will be present to mentor.

Job Skills Required:

* Love for animals
* Ability to wash, cut, and groom dog hair
* Ability to provide dog services such as teeth brushing, nail clipping, etc
* Ability to multi-task and prioritize work
* Attention to detail and problem solving skills
* Resourcefulness and ability to problem solve
* Outstanding communication and interpersonal skills
* Ability to not take customer issues personally
* Good listening skills
* Sound understanding of animal behavior.
* The ability to stand for long periods of time.
* The ability to treat all animals with compassion.
* The ability to lift heavy dogs and equipment.
* Excellent communication skills.
* Exceptional customer service skills.