

## Professional Pet Groomer Program 16 Weeks - 640 hrs

### **1. Occupational Safety & Health -**

- a. Safe use and maintenance of Petcare Hygienist equipment
  1. Brushes, combs
  2. Dematting tools, forceps
  3. Bathing tubs and equipment
  4. Cages and holding areas
  5. Hair dryers
  6. Pet styling tables
  7. Clippers and their blades
  8. Scissors and shears
- b. Perform emergency first aid in a normal Pet Styling Salon environment.
- c. Work safely and healthfully with Petcare DermaTech equipment within a normal salon environment
- d. Identify and avoid health risks which might occur during the styling process
- e. Be prepared for possible injuries that might occur during the styling process
- f. Be able to recognize symptoms and protect their environment from common zoonotic diseases

### **2. Canine/feline breed identification, characteristics, and coat types -**

- a. Be able to identify common canine/feline breeds and their coat characteristics.

### **3. Canine/Feline Anatomy and Health -**

- a. Under supervision, identify and avoid health risks which might occur during bathing and drying of dogs and cats.
- b. Be prepared for possible injuries that might occur during the bathing and drying of dogs and cats.
- c. Understanding of the canine/feline eyes, ears, nail and airways anatomy
- d. Safe and healthy handling of eyes, ears, nails, and airways while grooming, styling, and handling of dogs and cats.

### **4. Basic Animal behavior and Handling Techniques -**

- a. Safe and effective management of canine/felines while in the salon and throughout their styling process

### **5. Common Canine/Feline Ectoparasites -**

- a. Identification, life cycles and anatomy of common canine/feline fleas, ticks, mites and lice
- b. Understand the effects of commonly used insecticides and their effect on the environment, animals, and humans.
- c. Safely and effectively perform ectoparasite management on dogs and cats.

#### **6. Insecticide selection and safe use -**

- a. Understanding of common pesticides, their bio-chemical and environmental effects and classifications.
- b. Safe and healthy selection and application of pesticides.

#### **7. Preparation Canines & Felines for Bath -**

- a. Understanding and application of brushing, combing, and dematting techniques.
- b. Safe and healthy cleaning of canine and felines ears.
- c. Safe and healthy trimming of canine and feline nails.

#### **8. Basic Canine/Feline Bathing Techniques**

- a. Understanding and application of directional bathing techniques
- b. Mixture and application of shampoos, conditioners, oils.
- c. Understanding of water content, temperature, velocity and direction of flow. Course descriptions for each program continued .... Professional Pet Groomer material continued ...

#### **9. Topical Conditioning of Canine/Feline Skin and Hair -**

- a. Understand the anatomy of canine/feline skin and hair
- b. Understand and apply the principles of topical conditioning of canine/feline skin and hair
- c. Safe, healthy, and effective topical maintenance and conditioning of dog and cat hair.
- d. Safe and effective coloring of dog and cat hair.

#### **10. Finishing Techniques -**

- a. Safe and healthy use of topical finishing sprays, powders, and chalks
- b. Creation and application of ribbons, bows, and bandannas

#### **11. Equipment Selection, Maintenance and Ergonomics**

a. Understand and demonstrate proficient and healthy use and control of pet styling equipment inclusive of:

1. Tweezers, forceps, nail clippers and nail grinders
2. Brushes, combs, dematters
3. Trimmers, clippers, and blades
4. Scissors and shears

## **12. The Mechanics of Pet Styling -**

- a. Understand and perform basic clipper techniques.
- b. Understand and perform basic scissor and thinning shear techniques
- c. Understand and perform basic hand stripping techniques

## **13. The art of Pet Styling -**

- a. Demonstrate their knowledge of breed standards, artistic concepts, and visual precepts by executing pet styling techniques that will enhance the overall balance, symmetry and appearance of dogs and cats per their breed standards.

## **14. Speed trimming Techniques -**

- a. Demonstrate proficient use and control of their pet styling techniques to complete styling of dogs and cats in a timely manner.

## **15. Shop Management and Human Relations -**

- a. Demonstrate knowledge of normal pet salon operations and environment
- b. Demonstrate ability to work effectively as a team member
- c. Demonstrate basic customer communication skills