



The Ultimate Guide to Becoming a Dog Groomer

A Reference Guide by Dog Collective Co. Grooming Academy

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Before you enrol in any course, there are some things I believe every future groomer should know.

Having trained many students over the years and worked with thousands of dogs, I've seen firsthand what helps people succeed in this industry — and what catches them by surprise. This guide will help you decide whether dog grooming is the right career for you.

What Is It Really Like To Be A Dog Groomer?

Let's start with the biggest misconception.

Many people imagine dog grooming is simply cuddling dogs all day.

The reality is that while dog grooming is incredibly rewarding, it is also physical work.

You will spend much of your day:

- Standing
- Lifting dogs
- Bathing and drying
- Scissoring
- Cleaning
- Managing appointments
- Communicating with clients

The good news?

Most groomers will tell you they'd rather spend their day with dogs than sitting behind a desk.





The Types Of Dogs You'll Actually Groom

What are the types of dogs you'll actually groom?

Many students imagine grooming mostly Cavoodles, Moodle puppies and fluffy little lap dogs. In reality you'll ALSO encounter:

- Elderly dogs
- Nervous dogs
- Matted dogs
- Dogs who hate having their feet touched
- Dogs who don't enjoy being groomed
- Dogs who have never been professionally groomed before

Learning how to work safely and confidently with all types of dogs is one of the most important skills you'll develop.





How Long Does It Take To Become Confident?

One of the questions I'm asked most often is:

"How long before I feel confident?"

The honest answer is that confidence develops through repetition.

Most students leave our course with the skills needed to start grooming, but like any trade, confidence grows as you continue practising.

Even experienced groomers continue learning new techniques throughout their careers.

Can You Really Make A Living As A Dog Groomer?

Absolutely.

Many of our students enter the industry because they want:

- A career change
- Flexible working hours
- Self-employment opportunities
- A better work-life balance
- A business they can grow themselves

The pet industry continues to grow, and good groomers are always in demand.





Should You Work For Someone Else Or Start Your Own Business?

There is no right or wrong answer.

Some graduates prefer employment because it provides structure and immediate income.

Others dream of creating their own grooming salon, mobile business or home-based setup.

Both pathways can be successful.

The key is gaining solid grooming skills first.

Questions To Ask Before Choosing A Dog Grooming Course

Before enrolling anywhere, consider asking:

- Will I work on real dogs?
- How much practical training is included?
- How many students are in each class?
- Who will be training me?
- Will I receive support after the course?
- Will I graduate feeling confident enough to groom independently?

These questions can help you compare courses and find the best fit for your goals.





Is Dog Grooming Right For You?

You don't need previous experience.

You don't need to have worked with dogs before.

You don't need business experience.

What you do need is:

- A genuine love of dogs
- Patience
- A willingness to learn
- A positive attitude
- The desire to build a rewarding career



If that sounds like you, dog grooming could be one of the best decisions you ever make.

About Dog Collective Co. Grooming Academy

At Dog Collective Co. Grooming Academy, students work with real dogs from day one, gain practical hands-on experience and learn in a supportive small-group environment.

Our goal is simple:

To help students leave with the confidence, skills and knowledge needed to begin their journey as professional dog groomers.

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Still Have Questions?

Choosing a new career is a big decision, and it's completely normal to have questions.

If you'd like to discuss whether dog grooming is the right fit for you, learn more about our training programs, or simply chat about your options, I'd love to hear from you.

Lets Chat!

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Whether you're ready to enrol or simply exploring your options, feel free to reach out. I'd be delighted to help you decide if dog grooming could be your next career.

The dog grooming industry has changed my life, and I'd love the opportunity to help you discover whether it could change yours too!

Tammy

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