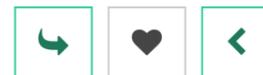


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Dog groomer



Dog groomers wash and trim dogs' coats, and advise their owners on grooming and diet.



What you'll do

You'll follow standards for how different breeds should look – for example, poodles are usually clipped to a particular shape. This is particularly important when dogs are being prepared for a show.

Your day-to-day duties might include:

- shaping a dog's coat with electric clippers or a stripping knife
- shampooing and drying the dog's coat
- giving a final trim with scissors

Record relevant activities you've already done on the [Activities tool](#) >

Working hours and environment

You'll usually work around 35 hours a week, Monday to Saturday, with one day off during the week. If self-employed, you'll arrange your own working hours.

The work can be quite physically demanding with larger breeds. You may spend a lot of time on your feet or crouching. It can also be dusty and hairy, and may not be suitable for people with allergies.

You'll be having lots of face-to-face or telephone conversations with dog owners.

You may work at home, visit clients' homes as a mobile groomer, or work in a salon.

Career path and progression

With experience and qualifications, you could become self-employed and work from home or become a mobile groomer, visiting owners' homes.

You could also open your own salon or move into training.

Skills required

You'll need:

- practical skills, to handle dogs firmly but gently
- the confidence to calm and control nervous dogs
- to pay good attention to detail, to deliver a tidy groom
- good communication and customer care skills
- the ability to motivate yourself if you're self-employed

Got evidence of these skills? Record your examples on the [Skills tool](#) >

Entry requirements

There are no set entry requirements, but you'll need experience with dogs.

You could start by:

- doing voluntary work with dogs, like in kennels
- training under a qualified and experienced dog groomer
- doing a basic course in animal care at a training centre or college
- training at dog grooming school, like The National Dog Groomers Association of America

If you're in the UK, you could also get into this job through an apprenticeship.

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Current and predicted figures relating to the Dog groomer profession. Median averages are shown, each with the specific career, or group of careers, that they apply to.

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 **Jobs**

Animal care and control services



80,659

 **318** in your local area of Liverpool

Top 5 local areas

1	Hampshire	2,906
2	Essex	2,505
3	Kent	2,448
4	Suffolk	2,378
5	Surrey	2,320

 **Salaries**

Animal care services occupations n.e.c.



£21,933

Animal care and control services



£22,734

 **(Not enough data for this region)** in your region of North West

Top 3 regions

1	East of England	£25,421
2	South East	£22,933

 **Growth**

2020-2035

Caring personal service occupations

+13.9% ↑ 328,648 jobs

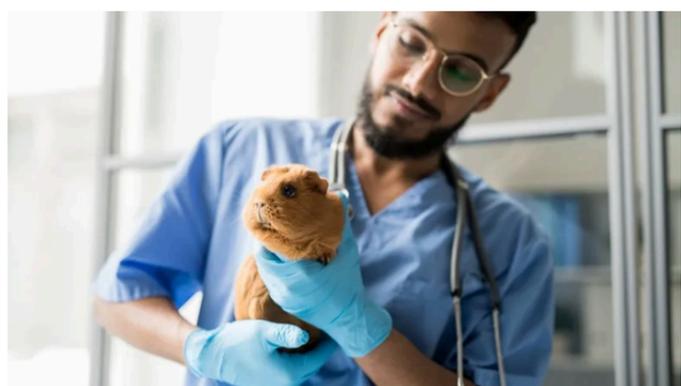
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