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### Overview

The elements are:

1. Prepare animals for grooming
2. Groom animals

This standard is about grooming animals for their health and welfare. The grooming described in This standard is necessary for maintaining the health and well-being of animals on a day-to-day basis. It is not intended to cover those instances where animals are cleaned and groomed for showing or competition.

This standard is designed to be applicable to working with all species of animals that need to be groomed. These may include furred animals, cats, rabbits and guinea pigs. A separate specialist standard has been developed for the dog grooming industry.

The standard does not cover enabling animals to groom themselves as this is covered in a separate standard.

Element 1 relates to how a range of animals should be prepared for grooming. It includes correct animal handling, preparation of the environment for grooming, the correct grooming equipment and methods needed for the animal, health and safety and basic animal anatomy and physiology including the identification and reporting of any abnormalities.

Element 2 is about grooming a range of animals using the correct equipment, materials and methods. It considers the health and well-being of the animal throughout grooming, hygiene requirements of both the animal and groomer, organizational health and safety and animal welfare policy and the correct disposal of waste products.

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### Performance criteria

#### Prepare animals for grooming

*You must be able to:*

- P1 confirm that the environment and the equipment to be used is clean, ready for use and is secure and safe for both you and the animal
- P2 select and use equipment which is appropriate to the animal's coat
- P3 handle animals in a manner that promotes their confidence and co-operation and the health and safety of all throughout
- P4 **prepare the animal** ready for grooming using the correct techniques and equipment
- P5 report promptly to the appropriate person when examination of the animal reveals an abnormal condition

#### Groom animals

*You must be able to:*

- P6 use equipment and materials correctly
- P7 groom the animal using the correct methods
- P8 observe the condition of the animal during the process and report any changes to the appropriate person
- P9 clean equipment after use and store it safely and securely
- P10 dispose of **waste** in a safe manner and place
- P11 maintain the health and well-being of the animal throughout
- P12 use working methods and systems which promote health and safety and which are consistent with relevant legislation and codes of practice

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### Knowledge and understanding

*You need to know and understand:*

#### Prepare animals for grooming

- K1 why it is important to approach and handle animals in a manner that promotes their confidence, co-operation, health and safety
- K2 why the coat condition affects the method of preparing coats and the equipment that should be used
- K3 the different methods used for grooming the coat of animals within your care
- K4 equipment used for preparing the animal for grooming the animal's coat
- K5 why particular care is required when working around the eyes and ears
- K6 the steps that should be taken in the event of accidentally damaging the animal or self
- K7 how friction burns occur and how they can be avoided
- K8 normal signs of health and signs indicating the animal should be referred to a veterinary surgeon
- K9 the potential threats to health, safety and security in the work area (such as slippery floors/surfaces, electricity) and steps that should be taken to minimise the threats
- K10 different types of cleansing products available, their purposes and the types of coat and conditions for which they are suitable
- K11 the importance of following manufacturers' instructions regarding the use of equipment and products, how to correctly interpret these instructions, and the possible consequences of not doing so
- K12 basic animal anatomy and physiology sufficient to identify abnormalities
- K13 signs and symptoms of basic skin problems and infestations
- K14 why it is necessary to check the eyes, ears, skin, teeth and gums
- K15 the limits of your role when identifying possible abnormalities and conditions (i.e. not diagnosing) and the importance of referring to a veterinary surgeon.

#### Groom animals

*You need to know and understand:*

- K16 the reasons for grooming animals within an agreed timescale
- K17 correct methods of grooming animals in relation to the equipment and materials being used
- K18 signs to look for while grooming animals which might indicate problems
- K19 hygiene requirements of animals, self and others
- K20 correct methods of cleaning and storing equipment and materials
- K21 possible risks of infection from animals if the necessary health and safety precautions are not carried out
- K22 organisational health and safety and animal welfare policy and own responsibility under health and safety and animal welfare legislation
- K23 why waste should be disposed of in a safe manner and place

**Additional Information**

**Scope/range  
related to  
performance  
criteria**

**Prepare animals for grooming**

1. **prepare the animal** in the following ways:
  - 1.1. remove excess hair, knots and tangles
  - 1.2. clean the animal's coat and skin
  - 1.3. remove dirt and debris from between toes and pads

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2. dispose of the following types of **waste**:
  - 2.1. organic
  - 2.2. inorganic

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