

LANAnC24 - SQA Unit Code HA7J 04

Bathe and cleanse a dog's coat and skin



Overview

This standard covers bathing and cleansing a dog's coat and skin using the correct products for the coat type.

It includes appropriate and safe handling techniques, identification of coat types and recognising signs of parasitic infestation and abnormalities.

It is your responsibility to monitor and maintain the health and safety of yourself, the dog and others in the area

You will need to be aware of your own limitations and ensure you meet the legal responsibilities for duty of care under animal health and welfare legislation.

This standard is for anyone who carries out bathing and cleansing of a dog's coat and skin.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 maintain your own professional conduct and ethics and work within the limits of your own authority, expertise, training, competence and experience
- P2 carry out all work in accordance with instructions, records and workplace procedures
- P3 comply with relevant animal health and welfare and other animal-related legislation and associated codes of practice at all times
- P4 carry out all work in accordance with relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, risk assessment requirements, codes of practice and company policies
- P5 maintain appropriate levels of hygiene and bio-security
- P6 check that the work area is safe, secure, clean and ready for use
- P7 select, prepare, use and maintain equipment in a safe, clean and effective condition throughout
- P8 use the correct **protective equipment and clothing** in accordance with workplace policy and procedures
- P9 select cleansing products appropriate to the dog's **coat type**, condition and client preferences in accordance with instructions
- P10 dilute cleansing products according to the manufacturers' instructions
- P11 observe and recognise the behaviour of the animal and record as appropriate
- P12 communicate effectively with others and seek professional advice when necessary
- P13 transfer dog to bath and secure in an appropriate manner that promotes confidence and co-operation and maintains the health and safety of all throughout
- P14 bathe the dog according to workplace policy and product manufacturers' instructions
- P15 use water at the correct temperature and rate of water flow
- P16 cleanse the coat and skin thoroughly in a manner that minimises distress to the dog
- P17 remove dirt and debris from between the toes and pads
- P18 take the appropriate corrective action immediately should cleansing products enter the eyes, mouth or ears of the dog
- P19 rinse all residues from the coat and skin where appropriate
- P20 remove excess water from the coat prior to drying using appropriate method
- P21 recognise when **observation of the dog** reveals a possible infestation or

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abnormal condition and report to the appropriate person

P22 clean/sterilise and store equipment used in accordance with workplace procedures

P23 maintain records as appropriate

P24 transfer the dog to the correct area for the next procedure and ensure it is safe and secure

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 your professional responsibilities as a dog groomer and the limits of your own authority, expertise, training, competence and experience
- K2 the importance of completing the activity in accordance with instructions, records and workplace procedures
- K3 the importance of communication with others to ensure the requirements of the dog are met
- K4 your responsibilities under relevant animal health and welfare and other animal-related legislation and codes of practice
- K5 your responsibilities under relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, codes of practice and company policies
- K6 the potential threats to health, safety and security in a bathing area (such as slippery floors/surfaces, electricity) and steps that should be taken to minimise the danger
- K7 the importance of maintaining appropriate levels of hygiene and bio-security and how this can be achieved
- K8 types of equipment required and how to select, prepare, use and maintain these in a safe and effective condition
- K9 why it is important to observe and assess the body language of the dog prior to starting work and the signs to look out for
- K10 the importance of communicating with others and where to seek advice and guidance
- K11 the Kennel Club UK types and their characteristics
- K12 how to approach, handle and restrain dogs in a manner that promotes their confidence and co-operation and maintains safety
- K13 safe methods of transferring dogs into the bath and securing them
- K14 different types of cleansing **products** available, how they work and the types of coat and conditions for which they are suitable
- K15 how **coat type** and the condition of the coat and skin affect the cleansing products that should be used
- K16 the importance of following manufacturers' instructions regarding dilution of cleansing products, how to correctly interpret these instructions, and the possible consequences of not doing so
- K17 why it is important to obtain authorisation from the client or a senior colleague before using anti-parasitic products
- K18 the appropriate water temperature and how to adjust it

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- K19 the appropriate bathing routine for the dog
- K20 the importance of preventing solutions entering the dog's eyes, mouth and ears and why it is important that the client is informed if this happens
- K21 the signs of distress in dogs and the action that should be taken when these are observed
- K22 how to check that all residues have been rinsed from the coat and skin unless manufacturers' instructions indicate that this is not necessary
- K23 **methods to remove excess water** from the dog prior to drying and why it is important to do this
- K24 how to clean and sterilise equipment and the correct method of storage
- K25 how to provide appropriate accommodation between different stages of grooming work
- K26 appropriate records to be kept, the importance of confidentiality and the requirements of the Data Protection Act 1998

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Scope/range

Coat types:

- 1 wool
- 2 wire
- 3 silk
- 4 double – long and short
- 5 smooth

Products could include:

- 6 normal shampoos
- 7 anti-parasitic shampoos
- 8 Veterinary-prescribed shampoos
- 9 conditioners
- 10 conditioning sprays

Observation of the dog:

- 11 feet, nails and pads
- 12 ear condition
- 13 mouth, teeth and gums
- 14 skin and coat
- 15 internal and external parasites
- 16 eyes
- 17 genital and mammary area
- 18 anal glands

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Glossary

Veterinary Surgeons Act (1966):

It is illegal under the Veterinary Surgeons Act (1966) for non-veterinary surgeons to practise veterinary surgery.

The Act defines Veterinary Surgery as:

- the diagnosis of diseases in, and injuries to, animals including tests performed on animals for diagnostic purposes;
- the giving of advice based upon such diagnosis;
- the medical or surgical treatment of animals; and
- the performance of surgical operations on animals.

Current animal welfare legislation:

- England and Wales, Animal Welfare Act 2006
- Scotland, Animal Health and Welfare Act 2006
- Northern Ireland, Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 2011

Protective equipment and clothing could include:

- gloves
- apron

Methods to remove excess water:

- absorbent cloths
- towels
- blaster

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