
Overview

The elements are:

1. Dry dogs and prepare their coats for styling

Element 1 involves the processes of drying the dog's coat and skin using the appropriate equipment and products and also the care of ear and nails and overall grooming of the dog.

Where necessary, the decision to clip off the dog's coat should be in line with the organisational policy.

Performance criteria

You must be able to:

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- 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 dog
- P2 recognise any factors in the environment that pose threats to health, safety and security and report to the appropriate person, taking remedial action where possible
- P3 use the correct protective equipment and clothing in accordance with manufacturers' guidelines and organisational policy
- P4 use **drying equipment** and techniques that are suitable for the dog, its coat **type** and condition and the **style** that is to be achieved
- P5 handle dogs in a manner that promotes their confidence and co-operation and the health and safety of all throughout
- P6 recognise when handling of the dog during drying reveals an abnormal condition and seek advice from the appropriate person
- P7 establish the correct drying temperature and velocity and monitor these regularly during the drying process
- P8 recognise when the temperature, velocity or drying technique appears to be causing distress or harm to the dog, stop the drying process immediately and seek advice from the appropriate person
- P9 brush the coat during drying to achieve the correct finish appropriate to the **style** that is to be achieved
- P10 check the coat to confirm that it is completely dry and free from tangles and knots
- P11 cut nails accurately at the correct point using the correct equipment, where appropriate
- P12 remove debris and excess hair from the ear canal, where appropriate, in a manner that minimises distress to the dog
- P13 return the dog to the correct location to await collection or further grooming
- P14 sterilize and clean equipment used in accordance to company procedures
- P15 ensure equipment is stored in a good working and that any faults are reported to the appropriate person

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

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- K1 why it is important to use protective clothing during the drying process
- K2 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 threats
- K3 why it is important to approach and handle dogs in a manner that promotes their confidence and co-operation and the health and safety of all throughout
- K4 how coat type and the condition of the coat and skin affect the drying techniques and equipment that can be used
- K5 how the style that is to be achieved affects the drying techniques and equipment that can be used
- K6 the different types of drying equipment available, their purposes and to which dog and coat types they are most suited
- K7 how drying technique, equipment and brushing during drying affect the finish
- K8 the correct temperature and velocity of drying equipment, how to adjust them and the potential dangers of incorrect setting
- K9 the signs of distress in dogs and the action that should be taken when these are observed
- K10 how to identify when coats are completely dry and the potential consequences of not drying a dog properly
- K11 what heat stress and brush burn are, their signs and causes and how to prevent them happening
- K12 how to identify abnormal conditions of the coat and skin, why it is important to do so
- K13 how to clean equipment and correct storage methods

Additional Information

Scope/range related to performance criteria

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1. **coat types:**
 - 1.1. wool
 - 1.2. wire
 - 1.3. silk
 - 1.4. double
 - 1.5. smooth

2. **drying equipment:**
 - 2.1. cabinet
 - 2.2. blaster
 - 2.3. blow dryer

3. prepare dogs for the following **styles:**
 - 3.1. clipped
 - 3.2. scissored
 - 3.3. parted
 - 3.4. natural

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