

LANAnC25 - SQA Unit Code HA7K 04

Dry a dog's coat ready for styling and finishing



Overview

This standard covers the processes of drying a dog's coat and skin ready for styling and finishing using the appropriate equipment and products.

It includes appropriate and safe handling techniques, identification of coat types and recognising signs of 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 that you meet the legal responsibilities for the duty of care under animal health and welfare legislation.

This standard is for anyone who carries out the drying of dogs' coats ready for styling and finishing.

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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 observe and recognise the behaviour of the dog and record as appropriate
- P10 communicate effectively with others and seek professional advice when necessary
- P11 transfer dog to drying area and secure in an appropriate manner that promotes confidence and co-operation and maintains the health and safety of all throughout
- P12 dry dog's coat using drying equipment and hand tools that are suitable for the dog, its **coat type** and condition and the style that is to be achieved
- P13 establish the correct drying temperature and velocity and monitor the condition of the dog's coat and skin during the drying process to ensure it does not overheat
- P14 closely monitor the dog during drying in order to recognise when the temperature, velocity or drying technique appears to be causing distress to the dog and take the appropriate action
- P15 brush the coat during drying to achieve the correct finish appropriate to the **style** that is to be achieved
- P16 check the coat to confirm that it is completely dry and free from tangles and knots
- P17 recognise when **observation of the dog** reveals a possible infestation or abnormal condition and report to the appropriate person
- P18 clean/sterilise and store equipment used in accordance with workplace procedures and report any faults to the appropriate person

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P19 maintain records as appropriate

P20 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 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 importance of maintaining appropriate levels of hygiene and bio-security and how these can be achieved
- K7 types of equipment required and how to select, prepare, use and maintain these in a safe and effective condition
- K8 the importance of carrying out work as agreed by the client
- K9 carry out a visual assessment of the dog's body language before handling and report any issues to the appropriate person
- K10 how to approach, handle and restrain dogs in a manner that promotes their confidence and co-operation and maintains safety
- K11 safe methods of transferring dogs to the drying area
- K12 the Kennel Club UK types and their characteristics
- K13 how **coat type** and the condition of the coat and skin affect the drying techniques and equipment that can be used
- K14 how the **style** that is to be achieved affects the drying techniques and equipment that can be used
- K15 the different types of **drying equipment** and techniques available, their purposes and which dog and coat types they are most suitable for to achieve the finish required
- K16 the correct temperature and velocity of drying equipment, how to adjust them and the potential dangers of overheating the dog and its skin
- K17 the risks to the dog of different types of drying equipment and techniques and how to monitor the dog
- K18 the signs of distress in dogs and the action that should be taken when these are observed
- K19 how to identify when coats are completely dry and the potential

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consequences of not drying a dog properly

- K20 what heat stress and brush burn are, their signs and causes and how to prevent them happening
- K21 how to check, clean and sterilise equipment and correct methods of storage
- K22 how to provide suitable accommodation between stages of grooming
- K23 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

Drying equipment could include:

- 6 cabinet
- 7 blaster
- 8 blow dryer

Dry dogs for the following styles:

- 9 clipped
- 10 scissored
- 11 parted
- 12 natural

Observation of the dog:

- 13 feet, nails and pads
- 14 ear condition
- 15 mouth, teeth and gums
- 16 skin and coat
- 17 internal and external parasites
- 18 eyes
- 19 genital and mammary area
- 20 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

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