



Level 2 Dog Groomer

A career in dog grooming is rewarding and fulfilling. For those with a passion for dogs, their unique personalities, and the wide range of different breeds, we can ensure participants gain the knowledge and technical skills to provide necessary care and conduct a range of grooms to a high standard. Individuals will be developing their knowledge and skills with a range of breeds within the industry but will be expected to establish their skills specifically working with wool, wool-mix, wire and the silk coat type.

A Dog Groomer will gain a detailed understanding of a range of subjects focused on maintaining the welfare of the dog throughout the grooming process, including:

Knowledge Development

- Requirements for preparing, bathing, drying and styling a range of coats
- Dog handling techniques and grooming processes relevant to the dog's needs
- Behavioural change indicators, including signs of relaxation, fear, and stress in dogs
- Canine first aid
- Dog anatomy and physiology including variations within breeds and coat types

Skills Enrichment

- Develop a dog grooming plan to meet the individual requirements of the dog and owner
- Handle and move dogs, adapting own behaviour to meet the needs of the dog
- Developing skills with bathing, drying and styling a range of breeds under the coat type
- Identify and escalate health and safety, and animal welfare concerns
- Communicate with colleagues, customers, and stakeholders using suitable terminology



Functional Skills

Maths and English qualifications are an integral element of the apprenticeship standards.

These are implemented by Haddon Training's dedicated Functional Skills team and will be delivered either as individual or group sessions, depending on the learner's requirements.

Functional Skills in maths and English for those aged 16-18 years old are a mandatory part of apprenticeships in England unless learners already hold a qualification in these areas at the required level. For learners aged 19 and over, Functional Skills are optional.

Functional Skills	
Learners will need to complete:	
English	Level 1
Maths	Level 1

Qualification Overview

To achieve the Level 2 Dog Groomer qualification, learners must complete:

- All mandatory modules.
- All core behaviours.
- The Apprenticeship Assessment, in which all components must be passed.

The apprenticeship is awarded through the successful completion of an Apprenticeship Assessment. This consists of:

- A multiple-choice exam.
- A practical assessment in which the learner will be observed in a grooming consultation with a customer and conducting a full groom on one of the four coat types.
- A professional discussion in which the learner is questioned on the knowledge learnt throughout the apprenticeship.
- An interview with an external assessor on the learner's portfolio.

The qualification will take a minimum of 12 months (plus 3 months to complete assessment), dependent on a learner's prior knowledge and skills recorded on a skill scan and individual learning plan.

Mandatory Modules Overview

Knowledge and skills outline
Legislation and regulation
Canine health
Grooming preparation
Bathing preparation
Drying techniques
Styling methods
Customer service

Core Behaviours

Personal and employability skills
Takes ownership of work
Welfare focused to show respect and empathy for dogs in their care
Puts safety first for themselves and others
Team focused and works effectively with others to meet work goals
Respectful of others
Committed to personal learning and development

For an in-depth view of the knowledge, skills, behaviours for the Dog Groomer apprenticeship, please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/Dog-Groomer-L2>

*Please note employers will be assessed before the qualification commences to ensure that they can meet the requirements of the dog groomer apprenticeship. Please discuss your options further with our team to find out more.

Progression

If you are in a suitable role, you could progress to:

- Level 3 Animal Care and Welfare Manager
- Level 3 Team Leader
- Level 4 Learning and Skills Mentor



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