

PET GROOMER

A pet groomer or pet stylist professionally grooms dogs, cats, and other pets. A horse groom specializes in grooming, tacking, and bathing horses.

WHAT RESPONSIBILITIES WILL I HAVE?

- Greet clients and pets and take instructions for grooming them per the client's wishes in a professional manner
- Bathe and clean pets prior to grooming
- Groom pets by brushing and scissoring fur, filing or clipping nails, cleaning ears and teeth, or coloring fur or hair to the preference of client
- Administer grooming all while ensuring safety and compassion for animal
- Recognize skin or coat issues as well as parasites, injury, or disease symptoms in order to report to pet owners
- Sweep or vacuum grooming area after each pet has been groomed
- Clean tub and grooming equipment after each grooming
- Instruct owners and clients on proper washing care for their pets
- Schedule, book, and verify appointments
- Maintain records
- Keep inventory of grooming products such as shampoo and soap
- Be willing to work flexible hours including weekends



WHAT EDUCATION & TRAINING IS REQUIRED?

High school diploma along with training as an apprentice; some pet grooming programs available

THE FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOL COURSES ARE RECOMMENDED...

Agricultural education, animal science, anatomy, biology

TYPICAL EMPLOYERS

Pet salons, pet stores, veterinarians, kennels, stables, or you may be self-employed

FUTURE JOB MARKET/OUTLOOK



SUGGESTED PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & ASSOCIATIONS

- National Dog Groomers Association
- Professional Cat Groomers Association of America
- International Professional Groomers, Inc.
- Intellectual Groomers Association

AVERAGE ANNUAL FULL-TIME SALARY

\$31,000