**INTRODUCTION TO GROOMING YOUR DOG**

This course is designed for the dog owner who would like to know how to groom their dog. It incorporates techniques and develops the knowledge of the interested dog owner and encourages learning and confidence. The bond between dog and owner will be enhanced and the wellbeing and health of the dog improved. The course does not teach clipping of the dog as this is a skill that needs further training. If the student would like to learn to clip and style their dog further training can be given and further assessment modules designed.

**1 Day Course**

£150 - £175

Friday, Saturday or Sunday

Time: 9.30 – 5 pm

At the end of the Course the student will be able to

* Know the history of their dog breed and any possible health issues
* Identify and use the equipment needed to wash and groom their own dog
* Correctly and safely handle their dog
* Undertake correct drying procedure and have knowledge and understanding of the best equipment for home drying
* Have good knowledge of brushing techniques
* Be able to notice problems with eyes and ears and basic care

Understand basic first aid

**Module Design**

**09:30**- Well coming of student and their dog to the salon.

**09:45**- Coffee and introduction to study including work file and course objectives. Show around the salon and study lounge. The use of a computer for information on the dog breed, history and any potential health issues.

**10:15**- Discussion on findings from library. Collate printouts or documents and download to disc for future information and reference.

**10:30**- Safe handling of dog including relaxation techniques, positioning of handler and safety. During this time the student will be advise on signs and symptoms of anxious dog and prevention of potential ‘incidence’.

**11:00**- Preparation of the washing and grooming/drying area. Positioning of dog safely and washing and shampooing. Repeat. Correct rinsing procedure and advice. Conditioning of dog and technique. Rinsing correctly. Safe moving of dog and ‘towelling ‘.

Drying of the dog and correct technique including brushing detangling and use of sprays and conditioners. Safety of the dog and holistic approach.

**13:30**- Lunch (Provided courtesy of Skruffs 2 Kruffs)

**14:30**- Basic anatomy and Physiology of the dog in conjunction with evaluation of the practical lessons leant during washing, drying and grooming session.

**15:30**- Coffee

**15:45**- Brushing techniques and explanation of different types of combs, brushes and other grooming equipment.

**16:30**- Questionnaire and final assessment. This includes a simple quiz that is done between student and trainer with any questions answered and general discussion about their thoughts and experiences gained throughout the day.

**17:00**- Home time

Terms and conditions do apply.