



**iPET Network**  
**Level 3 Award in Hand Stripping**  
**Qualification Number - 610/3210/4**  
**Qualification Specification**



## **iPET Network**

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### **Our Mission**

#### **EDUCATION FOR PEOPLE, FOR PETS, FOR THE FUTURE**

**To be the Awarding Organisation of choice for Training Providers, Employers and Learners in the Animal Care and Veterinary Science Sector.**

We demand the highest standard of practice to ensure our suite of qualifications work: they work for pets who deserve the best care; they work for learners giving valuable skills, and they work for Training Providers with strong market appeal.

#### **Leading the way:**

iPET Network is an Awarding Organisation regulated by Ofqual, CCEA Regulation and Qualifications Wales, specialising in qualifications in the Animal Care and Veterinary Science sector. iPET Network is a sector-specific Awarding Organisation and are constantly developing innovative animal care and veterinary science qualifications in the industry. We are unique in our approach to development, design and awarding of qualifications through the range of services and support we offer. Additionally, iPET Network is an End-point Assessment Awarding Organisation (EPAO) for English Apprenticeship standards and offers Professional Development Recognition (PDR) of unregulated educational courses.

Our approved Training Providers have exclusive access to our portfolio of qualifications, courses, learning materials and assessment strategies. We offer an inclusive opportunity to join a diverse network of forward-thinking professionals across the UK, Ireland, Europe and internationally.

#### **We do the hard work for you – fast, flexible and straightforward:**

We have developed robust systems at the forefront of technology that include extensive resources, quality learning materials and varied assessment methods. Our centralised platform makes it simple for Training Providers and their teams to deliver, manage, mark and quality assure all in one place. We provide access to training and updates through standardisation to uphold modern best practice.

Organisations of many different types, who want to deliver education, can join iPET Network, taking advantage of becoming a direct approved Training Provider. With transparent fees and packages to suit every size of organisation from sole traders to limited companies, colleges and large employers.

#### **An exciting and supportive community:**

We practice what we preach - the iPET Network team has extensive experience and knowledge of working in the animal care, veterinary science and education sector. We provide support, advice and Continual Professional Development to help Training Providers offer the best standard of education and to inspire the future generation of the industry. We believe in removing learning barriers and working with Candidates of all abilities to help them reach their full potential.

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## 1. About this qualification

The iPET Network Level 3 Award in Hand Stripping is designed to be flexible to meet the real life needs and circumstances of its Candidates. It is aimed at Candidates who wish to gain the skills and knowledge to hand strip a range of breeds and styles, whilst carrying out safe handling techniques.

Industry experts Dawn Inett and Michael Shiels, have reviewed this qualification to ensure the outcome is appropriate for the Dog Grooming industry and the continued growth and development of the sector.

The qualification is a balance of theoretical and practical learning to ensure that vocational skills lead the study with underpinned knowledge developed throughout.

### Objectives of the qualification

This qualification is aimed to lead Candidates into being able to confidently Hand Strip a dog and have knowledge in a range of dog breeds and styles that are hand stripped.

Depending on the needs of the individual Candidate, the qualification can:

- prepare individuals to progress to a qualification in the same subject area but at a higher level or requiring more specific knowledge, skills and understanding
- prepare Candidates for employment
- support a role in the workplace
- encourage engagement in learning

This qualification has been designed to enable Candidates to:

- access a holistic approach to training
- work practically with dogs
- understand effective and safe handling techniques
- gain skills to prepare and hand strip dogs meeting the clients requirements

It is a requirement that assessment of this qualification is conducted in English.

The iPET Network Level 3 Award in Hand Stripping is regulated.

### Guided Learning Hours (GLH)

Guided Learning Hours (GLH) are defined by the [Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act, 2009](#) as the number of hours the Candidate spends:

- Being taught or given instruction by a lecturer, tutor, supervisor or other appropriate provider of education or training, or
- Otherwise participating in education or training under the immediate guidance or supervision of such a person.

**GLH does not include time spent on unsupervised preparation or study, whether at home or otherwise.**

iPET Network has calculated the GLH for this qualification representing an estimate of the amount of actual guided learning which could reasonably be expected to be required to achieve the standard required to obtain the qualification.

Estimated GLH will be stated for each unit which should be used by Training Providers as a guide for devising teaching and learning plans. GLH may be recorded within the e-portfolio (if being used) or within the Candidate Hours Log (if the e-portfolio is not used).

### **Total Qualification Time (TQT)**

Total qualification time is defined as the number of Guided Learning Hours (GLH) **plus** the time taken by the Candidate for independent, unsupervised study. Individual Learners' requirements and individual teaching styles mean there will be variation in the actual time taken to complete a qualification. Values for Total Qualification Time are estimates as some Candidates will be able to achieve units and qualifications within a shorter time than indicated. Others, for example those with additional support requirements, may need longer.

Guided Learning Hours and Total Qualification Time for this qualification are:

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GLH (Guided Learning Hours): 6 hours

TQT (Total Qualification Time): 10 hours

#### **Qualification Delivery Requirements**

The qualification may be delivered as the Training Provider sees fit but they must provide some face-to-face training to cover the practical grooming requirements and ensure that Guided Learning Hours requirements are met. As part of the application to deliver, Training Providers must be able to evidence how they intend to deliver the qualification, including the methods by which they will achieve the estimated GLH and TQT.

## **2. Candidate requirements**

### **Entry requirements**

All Candidates must meet the following criteria:

### 1. Minimum Age and Requirements

Candidates must possess **all** of the following:

- Minimum age of 16 years
- Be capable of working at a Level 3 standard or above

All Candidates will be screened via an initial assessment with the Training Provider to ensure their suitability for the registration on the qualification. Whilst the above criteria form the basis of eligibility, Candidates may be registered at the Training Provider's discretion.

#### **Minimum age**

The minimum age for access to this qualification is 16 years.

Training Providers ought to satisfy themselves, however, that Candidates have a level of maturity appropriate for units included in the courses that they offer. If in doubt, please contact iPET Network for advice.

#### **Reasonable Adjustment and Special Considerations**

Assessment within the iPET Network Level 3 Award in Hand Stripping sector training is designed to be accessible and inclusive. The assessment methodology is appropriate and rigorous for individuals or groups of Candidates.

If you have Candidates with identified learning needs you should refer to the Reasonable Adjustment and Special Considerations Policy, available from iPET Network. This gives clear guidance on the reasonable adjustments and arrangements that take account of disability or learning difficulty without compromising the achievement of the assessment criteria.

Further guidance and support can be accessed at iPET Network.

### 3. Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

Exemption (also known as 'Recognition of Prior Certificated Learning) - is the facility for a Candidate to claim exemption from some of the achievement requirements of an iPET Network qualification using certificated evidence, for example certificated NQF achievement. This must be of an equivalent or higher value to an iPET Network unit but may not share the exact assessment criteria or learning aims.

Training Providers wishing to obtain further details regarding awarding of RPL should refer to the iPET Network **Recognition of Prior Learning Policy**.

### 4. Induction / Initial assessment

An initial assessment of each Candidate should be made before the start of their programme to identify:

- If the Candidate has any specific learning or training needs,
- Support and guidance, they may need when working towards their qualification,
- The appropriate type and level of qualification.

Each Training Provider must carry out an induction so that Candidates fully understand the requirements of the qualification, their responsibilities as a Candidate, and the responsibilities of the Training Provider. This information will need to be recorded e.g. contract.

## 5. Achieving the qualification

### Unit achievement

All of the assessment criteria in a unit must be met before the unit is deemed to be achieved. The unit achievement is not graded: units are either achieved or not achieved.

### Recording achievement

Training Providers must record the Candidates achievement of each unit on an appropriate form(s) or electronic system. Training Providers should record the Candidates achievement against the specific unit assessment criteria evidenced by the task.

### Authentication of the Candidates work

Tutors must demonstrate that the Candidates work is authentic. This can be done through using iPET Network's E-portfolio system which provides secure access to each Candidate or an alternative E-portfolio system. If a Training Provider is using paper portfolio, then they must demonstrate authentic work and transparent feedback from marking to internal quality assurance.

Assessments must demonstrate authenticity please refer to assessment methods in this qualification handbook.

### Duration of registration

All Candidates will be registered with iPET Network for a period of 6 months. Failure of the Candidate to complete the qualification during this timeframe will incur an additional charge for re-registration. Please refer to your *Terms and Conditions* for further details. Extension to registration may be obtained with written permission under specific extenuating circumstances. Please contact iPET Network for advice regarding extensions to registration



## 6. Qualification structure

### Units

iPET Network Reference No.	Title	Level	GLH	TQT	Unit Reference number
378	Hand Stripping a Dog	3	6	10	L/650/8383

### Level descriptor

Level	Knowledge Descriptor (the holder...)	Skills Descriptor (the holder can...)
Level 3	Has factual, procedural and theoretical knowledge and understanding of a subject or field of work to complete tasks that while well-defined, may be complex and non-routine. Can interpret and evaluate relevant information and ideas. Is aware of the nature of the area of study or work. Is aware of different perspectives or approaches within the area of study or work.	Identify, select and use appropriate cognitive and practical skills, methods and procedures to address problems that while well-defined, may be complex and non-routine. Use appropriate investigation to inform actions. Review how effective methods and actions have been.

## 7. Assessment

This qualification requires achievement of the specified units and summative assessments. The assessment process is as follows:

1. Assessments are developed by iPET Network and provided to the Training Provider or assessments may be devised by the Training Provider and approved by iPET Network in advance
2. The assessment is then delivered and implemented by the relevant iPET Network approved Training Provider
3. All Tutors involved in the assessment process must have been approved by iPET Network, on an individual basis, in advance of any assessments being carried out
4. Compiled portfolios of assessed evidence are internally quality assured by an iPET Network approved Internal Quality Assurer (IQA) via remote sampling.

5. Completed portfolios of assessed evidence are then quality assured by an External Quality Assurer (EQA) approved by iPET Network.

### **Assessment method**

Assessment is through a Portfolio of Evidence/Workbook.

### **Specimen Assessment Materials**

Specimen assessment materials are not available for this qualification.

### **Marking**

These assessments are pass or fail and the Assessor's decision is final. The use of artificial intelligence to mark any candidate's work is strictly prohibited.

\*Please note re-assessments are permitted.

### **Qualification grading**

This qualification is graded pass or fail and the Assessor's decision is final.

### **Appeals**

To ensure a fair assessment procedure is carried out the Candidate must be full briefed on the assessment requirements and given the instructions on their rights to appeal. All Training Providers must have an up to date appeals procedure.

### **What constitutes a fail?**

It is at the Tutor's professional discretion if they pass or fail the Candidate. It is recommended that all assessment criteria are met. The questions should be used to identify Candidates' areas of knowledge. Only those questions which a candidate has answered incorrectly or insufficiently need be attempted again.

Examples of what may constitute a fail (theory)(list is not exhaustive):

- Plagiarism
- Irrelevant content
- Incomplete knowledge
- Incomplete coverage of an assessment criterion

Examples of what may constitute a fail (practical) (list is not exhaustive):

- Failure to address one or more of the assessment criteria
- Injury to the dog or compromise to the dog's welfare
- Unsafe practice or behaviour

- Lack of appropriate equipment
- Misuse/unsafe handling of equipment
- Inappropriate handling of the dog
- A lack of overall knowledge of the dog
- Jeopardy of personal safety
- Poor quality of the groom

When making an assessment decision it is important that all evidence and feedback is documented to support the assessment decision whether it is a pass or fail. If the decision is a fail, then the Candidate must be provided with support and the opportunity to re-sit the assessment once they are ready.

## 8. Offering the Qualification

Training Providers wishing to deliver this qualification will need to demonstrate the ability to adhere to quality assurance and assessment regulations.

All procedures for the use of this qualification or units of this qualification, including approval, registration of Candidates, quality assurance process and certification will be completed through iPET Network, who will have an allocated member of the Quality Team to support the Training Provider. Any queries or difficulties should be directed to the allocated Team member or if they are not available, via the iPET Network office on 0800 433 4700.

### Approval to offer the qualification

Training Providers wishing to offer this qualification must note the requirements stipulated in Appendix A.

To offer this qualification, potential Training Providers must apply for Training Provider approval with iPET Network. Applications can be made via email [info@ipetnetwork.co.uk](mailto:info@ipetnetwork.co.uk) or by calling 0800 433 4700.

In addition, to gain approval to offer the qualification, Training Providers must apply by submitting an iPET Network **Qualification Approval Form** which can be downloaded from the website.

For more information, visit our website [www.ipetnetwork.co.uk](http://www.ipetnetwork.co.uk).

### Standardisation

Standardisation is a process that promotes consistency in the understanding and application of standards.

Standardisation:

- Establishes statements on the standard of evidence required to meet the assessment criteria for the units in iPET Network Qualifications
- Makes recommendations on assessment practice
- Produces advice and guidance for the assessment of units
- Identifies good practice in assessment.

It is a requirement of the Training Provider approval process that each Training Provider offering units from iPET Network qualifications must provide assessment materials and Candidate evidence for standardisation if requested.

iPET Network will notify Training Providers of the required sample(s) for standardisation purposes. Assessment materials, Candidate evidence and Tutor feedback must be sent to iPET Network by Training Providers.

Outcomes from standardisation will be available to Training Providers through iPET Network.

### **Support for Training Providers**

iPET Network provides all Training Providers with on-going support and advice on the use of iPET Network units and qualifications, including the requirements for assessment.

If Training Providers who are approved to offer iPET Network units and qualifications have obtained a UKPRN (UK Provider Reference Number) from the UKRLP (UK Register of Learning Providers), this will be used as the Training Provider's reference number. If a Training Provider has not obtained a UKPRN they will be issued with a unique iPET Network Training Provider number.

Information about obtaining a Unique Learner Number (ULN) on behalf of the Candidates is included in the ***iPET Network Training Provider Manual***.

### **Training Provider responsibilities**

Each Training Provider should identify a named contact person who will be responsible for any iPET Network provision within the Training Provider organisation.

The Training Provider contact must ensure all procedures relating to the delivery of the qualification operate effectively in the centre.

The Training Provider contact is the person responsible for confirming and ensuring that the Training Provider meets all the iPET Network requirements for Training Provider recognition.

The Training Provider contact is responsible for ensuring all relevant iPET Network documentation is distributed as required within the Training Provider and that the security requirements for external assessment are adhered to, where applicable.

## **9. Appendix A – Requirements to Offer This Qualification**

To offer this qualification, Training Providers must ensure that Tutors involved in delivery and assessment are professionally competent to do so. This means Training Providers must ensure that Tutors have the following qualifications/experience:

<b>1. Subject-specific Qualifications</b>  Tutors must possess at least one of the following:	<b>2. Relevant Experience</b>	<b>3. Teaching Qualification</b>  Tutors must possess at least one of the following:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the iPET Network Level 3 Diploma in Dog Grooming and Salon Management</li> <li>the iPET Network Level 3 Award in Hand Stripping</li> <li>the OCNWM Level 3 Diploma in Dog Grooming</li> <li>the City and Guilds Advanced Grooming Certificate 7750; or</li> <li>the full 7763-03; or the new 7863-03 Diploma</li> </ul>	<b>AND</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iPET Network Level 3 Award for Educators in the Canine and Feline Sector</li> <li>Level 3 Award in Education and Training; or</li> <li>Level 4 Certificate in Education and Training; or</li> <li>Level 3 or 4 PTLLS (or equivalent).</li> </ul>

If no formal teaching qualification is held, it will be a requirement that a teaching qualification is achieved within 12 months of approval.

Evidence of qualifications and experience must be provided in the form of original certificates, detailed CV and employer references. iPET Network reserves the right to request additional information in support of Training Provider/Tutor applications e.g., client reviews.

Training Providers must also ensure that they have in place an Internal Quality Assurance person who:

- Holds or is working towards a Level 4 Award in Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practices or its equivalent
- Has substantial experience of working in or assessing qualifications in Dog Grooming
- Is familiar with the assessment requirements of the qualification for which they are the Internal Quality Assurer

or

Gold package registrations are used with iPET Network (*Refer to Training Provider Fees*)

## 10. Qualification Unit Breakdown and Assessor Guidance

<b>Unit title:</b>	<b>378: Hand Stripping a Dog</b>
<b>Level:</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Credit value:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>GLH:</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>TQT:</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Unit code:</b>	<b>310</b>
<b>Unit reference number:</b>	<b>L/650/8383</b>
<b>Unit aim:</b>	<b>The aim of this unit is to provide the knowledge, understanding and skills of Hand Stripping. Candidates will be able to carry out safe canine restraint techniques and carry out Hand Stripping using suitable tools and equipment safely and correctly. They will understand how to assess a dog for Hand Stripping and the purpose of the grooming technique.</b>
<b>Number of learning outcomes</b>	<b>5</b>

<b>Learning Outcomes</b>	<b>Assessment Criteria</b>
<b>The learner will:</b>	<b>The learner can:</b>
<b>1. Know and understand the Hand Stripping method and how to assess if the dog is suitable</b>	1.1. Explain how to assess if a dog is suitable for Hand Stripping
	1.2. Explain the method of 'Hand Stripping' a wire coat and its purpose
	1.3. Explain the method of 'Hand Stripping' a silky coat and its purpose
	1.4. Identify and explain the hair structure for a wire coat and a silky coat
	1.5. Identify the pattern lines for a range of wire and silky coated breeds
	1.6. Identify breeds of dogs from the UK Kennel club breed groups that can be hand stripped
	1.7. Identify factors that prevent Hand Stripping
	1.8. Describe what rolling the coat is and why it is done
	1.9. Describe the suitable tools, equipment and methods used for Hand Stripping a wire and silk coat
	1.10. Identify areas of the dog which may require special attention.
	1.11. Describe the correct process for bathing and identify the pros and cons of bathing before/after Hand Stripping
<b>2. Be able to hand strip a dog using suitable tools and equipment</b>	2.1. Hand strip a suitable a Wire or Silky coated dog using correct technique
	2.2. Demonstrate the carding technique
	2.3. Use the equipment ensuring high levels of animal welfare and safe working practices
<b>3. Be able to handle and restrain the dog correctly and safely during the groom</b>	3.1. Carry out the appropriate techniques for handling, restraining and controlling a dog during Hand Stripping
	4.1. Record the equipment used

<b>4. Be able to record grooming styles</b>	4.2. Record the styling and finishing methods used
<b>5. Understand the potential problems with hand stripping</b>	5.1. Describe the meaning of Post Grooming Furunculosis
	5.2. Identify how the risk of Post Grooming Furunculosis can be reduced

#### Assessment information

All Assessment Criteria must be evidenced. For guidance on assessment, including principles of assessment and methods which may be used, Training Providers should consult the 'Assessment' section of the iPET Network Qualification Handbook and relevant policies.

Sector Subject Area (SSA)	3.3
Date from which qualification will be available for learners	20/09/2023
Qualifications review date	20/09/2026

## 11. Suggested learning resources

Unit	Suggested learning resources
Handstripping	<p><b>Literature</b></p> <p><b>Animal Biology and Care</b> Published by Blackwell Science Ltd., 2006 (2nd edition) ISBN: 7-814-0513795-9</p> <p><b>Encyclopaedia of Dog Breeds</b> Published by Barron's Educational Series, Inc., 2005 (2nd edition) ISBN: 0-764-15700-0</p> <p><b>Veterinary Notes for Dog Owners</b> Published by Stanley Paul, 1990 ISBN: 0-091-73817-2</p> <p><b>Think Dog</b> Publisher: Cassell; 01 edition (14 July 2016) ISBN-10: 1844039099 ISBN-13: 978-184403909</p> <p><b>The Domestic Dog: Its evolution, behaviour and interaction with people</b> Published by Cambridge University Press, 1995 ISBN: 0-521-42537-9</p> <p><b>The Dog: Its behaviour, nutrition and health</b> Published by Wiley-Blackwell, 2005 (2nd edition) ISBN: 0-813-81254-2</p> <p><b>Anatomy of the Dog: In straightforward terms</b> Published by: Cadmos Publishing Limited, 2010 ISBN: 3-86127-979-7</p> <p><b>The Art of Handstripping</b> Scott Wasserman</p> <p><b>Notes from the Grooming Table</b> Publisher: The Pet Book Publishing Company Ltd; 2nd Revised edition edition (1 Sept. 2016) ISBN-10: 0692658076 ISBN-13: 978-0692658079</p> <p><b>The Dog Groomer's Manual: A Definitive Guide to the Science, Practice and Art of Dog Grooming</b> The Crowood Press Ltd; 1 edition (4 July 2014) ISBN-10: 1847975909 ISBN-13: 978-1847975904</p> <p><b>Grooming Manual for the Dog and Cat</b> Publisher: Wiley-Blackwell; 1st Edition (13 April 2006) ISBN-10: 1405111836 ISBN-13: 978-1405111836</p> <p><b>All-breed Dog Grooming</b> Published by: The Publications Inc., 2010 ISBN: 0-793-80647-X</p> <p><b>Websites</b> <a href="http://www.christiesdirect.com">www.christiesdirect.com</a></p>



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## 12. Supporting documents and general

The following documents contain essential information for Training Providers delivering iPET Network qualifications. They should be referred to in conjunction with this handbook. To download the documents and to find other useful documents, go to [www.ipetnetwork.co.uk](http://www.ipetnetwork.co.uk) SharePoint or the web portal.

iPET Network Training Provider Manual  
iPET Network Quality Assurance Requirements  
Malpractice and Maladministration Policy and Procedure (including Sanctions)

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