

iPET Network
Level 3 Diploma in
Dog Grooming and Salon
Management
Qualification Number - 603/5945/6
Qualification Specification



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Our Mission

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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 Diploma in Dog Grooming and Salon Management** 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 prepare, style and finish a range of dog breeds, understand health and safety in a dog grooming salon, understand business management and gain skills in canine emergency first aid.

Leading industry experts 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 an excellent balance of theoretical and practical learning ensuring that vocational skills lead the qualification while being fully supported by underpinning knowledge throughout.

Objectives of the qualification

This qualification aims to take Candidates on a journey from complete beginners to competent and confident commercial dog groomers. 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.

iPET Network have designed this qualification to enable Candidates to:

- Access a holistic approach to training;
- Work practically with dogs;
- Gain canine emergency first aid skills;
- Understand business management and health and safety in a dog grooming environment ;
- Have effective communication skills for working well with owners and confidently manage complaints;
- Gain the necessary skills to prepare, style and finish a range of dog breeds meeting the client's requirements and breed standard.

Suggested progression following completion of the qualification:

- iPET Network Level 4 Higher Professional Diploma in Dog Grooming
- iPET Network Level 3 Award in Hand Stripping
- iPET Network Level 4 Award in Canine Emergency First Aid in the Workplace

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

The iPET Network Level 3 Diploma in Dog Grooming and Salon Management is regulated by Ofqual and CCEA Regulation.

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:

iPET Network Level 3 Diploma in Dog Grooming and Salon Management

GLH (Guided Learning Hours): 300 hours

TQT (Total Qualification Time): 403 hours

Qualification Delivery Requirements

Due to the practical nature of this qualification, the **Summative Formal Assessments must take place face-to-face, in person.**

Candidates who are eligible for the fast-track route may complete their Summative Formal Assessments via remote but live, in real-time.

The remainder of the qualification may be delivered as the Training Provider sees fit, ensuring 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

Candidates need to have a level of understanding to be able to work at Level 3 but do not need to hold a Level 2 in Dog Grooming. There are no other entry requirements.

Minimum age

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

Training Providers ought to satisfy themselves 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.

Eligibility for Fast Track

The iPET Network Level 3 Diploma in Dog Grooming and Salon Management can be offered as a 'Fast Track' option. This is considering the Candidate's prior attainment and experience. The Candidate must demonstrate the following to prove eligibility for the Fast Track option of delivery:

- Level 2 Dog Grooming qualification with 1 year's styling experience or;
- 1 years' experience of styling;
- Customer reviews and/or employer reference;
- Photos of a range of grooms.

Reasonable Adjustment and Special Considerations

Candidates need to have the physical ability to complete the practical training and assessment of the qualification. 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.

When carrying out any assessment method, Tutors will need to consider the presentation of the assessment task to the Candidate to make it fair and accessible. Tutors may also need to consider arrangements for Candidates with particular learning difficulties and will need to be aware of iPET Network's policy on reasonable adjustments.

Assessment methods may be adapted due to potential contingency plans for assessments, this will be decided and authorised by iPET Network only.

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**.

Candidates who have completed the following qualifications may be eligible for exemption from the units stated below:

Qualification	Unit(s) Exempt	Evidence Required
iPET Network Level 3 Certificate in Dog Grooming and Introduction to Styling	301	Qualification certificate
	302	
	304	
	305	
	306	
iPET Network Level 3 Award in an Introduction to Dog Grooming	301	Qualification certificate
	306	

4. Induction / Initial Assessment

An initial assessment / induction for each Candidate must be made before the start of their programme to identify:

- If the Candidate has any specific learning or training needs;
- The support and guidance they may need when working towards their qualification;
- The Candidate's suitability for the 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. within a contract.

During the induction, Candidates must be made aware of academic malpractice and the consequences of committing malpractice such as plagiarism or cheating. Please see iPET Network's Malpractice and Maladministration Policy and Procedure (including sanctions) for details of indicative sanctions against Candidates.

5. Achieving the Qualification

Credits

To be awarded the iPET Network Level 3 Diploma in Dog Grooming and Salon Management Candidates must achieve 40 credits.

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

Authentication of the Candidate's work

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

Assessments must demonstrate authenticity please refer to assessment methods in this Qualification Handbook.

If malpractice is suspected, the candidate will be reported following the Training Provider and iPET Network's Malpractice and Maladministration policies.

Duration of registration

All Candidates will be registered with iPET Network for a period of 24 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	Credit	GLH	TQT	Unit Reference number
301	Health and Safety in a Dog Grooming Environment	3	2	13	20	Y/618/1636
302	Promote the Welfare of Dogs Conforming with Relevant Legislation	3	3	13	30	D/618/1637
303	Customer Care and Managing Complaints	3	2	13	20	H/618/1638
304	Assess and Plan Dog Grooming Styles and Maintenance of Equipment	3	3	13	30	D/618/1640
305	Health Checking, Handling and Canine Behaviour	3	6	44	60	K/618/1639
306	Prepare, Style and Finish a Range of Dog Breeds	3	20	189	203	H/618/1641
307	Canine Emergency First Aid	3	1	6	10	K/618/1642
308	Planning the Operation of a Small Canine Business	3	3	9	30	M/618/1643

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.	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.

	Is aware of different perspectives or approaches within the area of study or work.	
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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 and 3 x Summative Formal Practical Assessments.

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 fully briefed on the assessment requirements and given instructions on their right 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. Below is a guide to what might constitute a fail during a dog grooming assessment:

- Inappropriate handling of the dog
- A lack of overall knowledge of the dog
- Injury to the dog
- Personal safety jeopardy
- Poor quality of the groom
- Groom not completed to client requirements

Please note this list is not exhaustive.

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 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.

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 delivering this qualification have one of the following recognised professional qualifications:

- the iPET Network Level 3 Diploma in Dog Grooming and Salon Management

or

- the OCNWM Level 3 Diploma in Dog Grooming; or
- the City and Guilds Advanced Grooming Certificate 7750; or
- the full Diploma 7763-03; or
- the new 7863-03 Diploma

and

hold a teaching certificate (examples detailed below) and / or are able to demonstrate their teaching experience:

- the Level 3 Award in Education and Training; or
- the iPET Network Level 3 Award for Educators in the Canine and Feline Sector; or
- the Level 4 Certificate in Education and Training; or
- Level 3 or 4 PTLLS (or equivalent).

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

And,

- has a minimum of 3 years' professional and practical dog grooming experience.

NB, The Training Provider must have an appointed Canine Emergency First Aid practitioner and must be able to provide a copy of certification. The Training Provider must ensure that the Tutor's certification is updated every 3 years.

Training Providers must also ensure that they have in place an Internal Quality Assurer 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; and
- Is familiar with the assessment requirements of the qualification for which they are the Internal Quality Assurer.

Or

- Gold package registrations are used (*refer to Training Provider fees*)

10. Qualification Unit Breakdown and Assessor Guidance

Unit title:	Health and Safety in a Dog Grooming Environment
Level:	3
Credit value:	2
GLH:	13
TQT:	20
Unit code:	301
Unit reference number:	Y/618/1636
Unit aim:	The aim of this unit is to provide the knowledge, skills and understanding of the importance of safe working practices in the grooming environment. The unit considers: compliance with health and safety legislation, awareness of potential hazards and risks, biosecurity and ensuring promotion of high standards of welfare for dogs under the groomer's care.
Number of learning outcomes	4

Learning Outcomes	Assessment Criteria
The learner will:	The learner can:
1. Understand the requirements of relevant legislation and safe working practices in the dog grooming environment	1.1. Identify relevant legislation relating to safe working practices within the grooming salon
	1.2. Describe how environmental damage can be minimised in a dog grooming environment
	1.3. Explain how to dispose of waste safely in accordance with relevant legislation
2. Understand the importance of recognising potential hazards and risks in a grooming environment	2.1. Recognise risks and potential hazards within the grooming environment and strategies for minimising risk
	2.2. Describe how to minimise risk when lone working
	2.3. Describe health risks posed to the groomer at work and how these risks may be minimised
3. Know how to maintain biosecurity of the grooming environment	3.1. Describe different methods of cleaning and sterilising grooming equipment
	3.2. Explain how to ensure that welfare and security of animals is maintained during cleaning procedures
4. Be able to maintain biosecurity of the grooming environment	4.1. Select and use appropriate personal protective equipment and cleaning materials following manufacturer instructions and company procedure
	4.2. Clean and maintain a range of areas within the grooming environment

Unit title:	Promote the Welfare of Dogs Conforming with Relevant Legislation
Level:	3
Credit value:	3
GLH:	13
TQT:	30
Unit code:	302
Unit reference number:	D/618/1637
Unit aim:	The aim of this unit is to provide the knowledge, skills and understanding of how to promote and maintain the health and welfare of animals following health and safety and animal welfare requirements. To recognise welfare issues and be able to take specific measures to make adjustments to the environmental conditions.
Number of learning outcomes	2

Learning Outcomes	Assessment Criteria
The learner will:	The learner can:
1. Know how to recognise, promote and maintain the health and welfare of dogs	1.1. Describe how to promote the health and general welfare of dogs that is consistent with relevant legislation, minimising stress and injury
	1.2. Describe how to identify welfare concerns
	1.3. Explain methods of preventative care that can be provided by a groomer, vet and owner to maintain a dog's health and welfare
	1.4. Identify zoonotic diseases and the precautions necessary to maintain personal hygiene and safety of both yourself and the dogs under your care
	1.5. Identify zoonoanthroponotic diseases and the precautions necessary to maintain personal hygiene and safety of both yourself and the dogs under your care
	1.6. Describe the three-layered structure of the skin
	1.7. Identify the structure of a hair
	1.8. Explain the process of hair development, growth and shedding
	1.9. Review breed differences in coat texture and growth
	1.10. Discuss factors that influence the hair cycle
	1.11. Describe the role of melanin and health conditions associated with pigmentation, or lack of pigmentation, in the skin and/or hair

	1.12. Identify the mechanisms responsible for body temperature regulation
	1.13. Identify procedures to follow if an incident were to occur during the grooming process
	1.14. Describe how to promote welfare of pregnant bitches during the grooming process
2. Be able to promote and maintain the health and welfare of animals	2.1. Provide and maintain care for animals in a way which is consistent with relevant legislation, minimising stress and injury
	2.2. Demonstrate identification and recording of welfare concerns
	2.3. Carry out actions to promote animal health and welfare

Unit title:	Customer Care and Managing Complaints
Level:	3
Credit value:	2
GLH:	13
TQT:	20
Unit code:	303
Unit reference number:	H/618/1638
Unit aim:	The aim of this unit is to provide the knowledge and understanding to deliver customer service, handle complaints and recommend solutions. The candidate will know how to maintain customer relations and the importance of doing so.
Number of learning outcomes	3

Learning Outcomes	Assessment Criteria
The learner will:	The learner can:
1. Know how to care for and manage customers, adhering to relevant legislation	1.1. Describe correct techniques for greeting visitors using effective communication
	1.2. Identify the information to be prepared for customers to see and sign during their first consultation
	1.3. Manage customers in a dog grooming environment, complying with relevant health and safety legislation and company policy
2. Understand how to establish and maintain customer relations	2.1. Explain the importance of creating a positive impression and how to establish and maintain customer loyalty and confidence
3. Know and understand how to deal with customer complaints	3.1. Identify the types of problems that may give rise to customer complaints
	3.2. Identify different platforms through which you may receive complaints and how to deal with complaints effectively
	3.3. Explain possible complaint solutions that help maintain customer loyalty and confidence

Unit title:	Assess and Plan Dog Grooming Styles and Maintenance of Equipment
Level:	3
Credit value:	3
GLH:	13
TQT:	30
Unit code:	304
Unit reference number:	D/618/1640
Unit aim:	The aim of this unit is to provide knowledge, understanding and skills to assess, plan and record dog grooming styles according to breed standard styling or client requirements. Candidates will demonstrate the importance of maintaining equipment and safe working practices in line with current health and safety legislation, animal welfare legislation and environmental good practice.
Number of learning outcomes	4

Learning Outcomes	Assessment Criteria
The learner will:	The learner can:
1. Know and understand requirements for assessing, planning and styling a dog, including the preparation and maintenance of essential equipment	1.1. Explain why it is important to discuss and follow the client's requirements for styling
	1.2. Describe how to assess and plan the grooming process according to breed standard and mixed breed styling
	1.3. Explain the types of problems that may occur during the grooming process and how these issues should be dealt with
	1.4. Explain the correct preparation, safe maintenance and storage of grooming equipment
2. Be able to assess and plan the styling requirements of a dog	2.1. Complete and record a pre-grooming consultation
	2.2. Plan required styling methods
3. Be able to prepare, maintain and use relevant equipment and record equipment used	3.1. Ensure equipment is prepared and maintained in a safe, effective condition and stored correctly after use
	3.2. Select the appropriate tools and equipment for work
	3.3. Maintain records of equipment used for styling
4. Be able to promote health and safety and environmental good practice	4.1. Work in a way that is consistent with relevant legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements
	4.2. Ensure work is carried out in a manner which minimises environmental damage

Unit title:	Health Checking, Handling and Canine Behaviour
Level:	3
Credit value:	6
GLH:	44
TQT:	60
Unit code:	305
Unit reference number:	K/618/1639
Unit aim:	The aim of this unit is to provide the knowledge, skills and understanding required to care for dogs in a grooming environment. To be able to carry out health checks and identify anatomical points on a dog, know and understand canine behaviour and be able to adapt handling methods to different dogs.
Number of learning outcomes	5

Learning Outcomes	Assessment Criteria
The learner will:	The learner can:
1. Understand the anatomy of a dog	1.1. Identify anatomical points of a dog 1.2. Identify possible breed-related issues that could affect the health of a dog and the adjustments that can be made during the grooming process
2. Know and understand canine characteristics, behaviour traits and handling	2.1. Identify the 7 UK Kennel Club breed groups and the behaviour traits of each breed group 2.2. Describe how dogs communicate including signs of stress 2.3. Identify different restraint equipment and methods of use 2.4. Identify techniques for handling, restraining and controlling a dog to include the correct method of moving joints 2.5. Explain how to identify, reduce, record and report stress-related behaviours in dogs
3. Know how to identify and report the health status of a dog	3.1. Identify the information that should be recorded about the dog's health status and how these records are kept 3.2. Describe signs of health and ill-health in dogs 3.3. Summarise how poor health affects the grooming process 3.4. Identify types of endo and ectoparasites 3.5. Describe the signs and management of canine endo- and ectoparasites 3.6. Describe the life cycle of the flea
4. Be able to carry out a health check	4.1. Carry out a full health check on a dog 4.2. Monitor and report signs of health and ill-health in dogs

5. Be able to influence canine behaviour and adapt handling techniques	5.1. Correctly handle, restrain and control a dog to include the correct method of moving joints
	5.2. Identify, reduce, record and report stress-related behaviours in dogs
	5.3. Modify restraint techniques for a range of behaviours and situations
	5.4. Use appropriate PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) for handling and restraint

Unit title:	Prepare, Style and Finish a Range of Dog Breeds
Level:	3
Credit value:	20
GLH:	189
TQT:	203
Unit code:	306
Unit reference number:	H/618/1641
Unit aim:	The aim of this unit is to provide knowledge, understanding and skills required to prepare, style and finish a range of dog breeds using various techniques according to breed pattern or client requirements.
Number of learning outcomes	9

Learning Outcomes	Assessment Criteria
The learner will:	The learner can:
1. Understand the preparation for styling and finishing techniques for different breed patterns and client requirements	1.1 Identify and describe the variety of coat types in dogs and list the appropriate grooming equipment for each
2. Understand the use of appropriate techniques to handle and restrain a range of dogs, with different temperaments, during preparation and styling	2.1. Identify the risks to the dog and handler during the grooming process
	2.2. Explain how health and safety risks can be reduced for the dog and handler during the grooming process
	2.3. Explain how to adapt handling techniques where necessary, to suit the dog
3. Know how to assess a dog for hand stripping and understand the hand stripping process	3.1. Explain the method and technique used when hand stripping (to include carding the coat)
	3.2. Identify a breed of dog, from each of the UK Kennel club breed groups, that can be hand stripped
	3.3. Describe the factors that may prevent hand stripping
	3.4. Explain the correct bathing process and the potential health risks involved with hand stripping
4. Be able to use appropriate techniques to handle and restrain a range of dogs with different temperaments during preparation and styling	4.1. Recognise the risks to the dog and handler during the grooming process
	4.2. Reduce the health and safety risks to the dog and handler during the grooming process
	4.3. Adapt handling techniques where necessary, to suit the dog
	4.4. Demonstrate effective handling and restraining techniques whilst carrying out a range of tasks using a variety of equipment

5. Be able to remove excess hair, knots and matts prior to bathing	5.1. Select and use techniques and equipment, appropriate to the coat type, to remove knots and excess hair
	5.2. Trim excess hair to reduce friction areas
6. Be able to safely bath and dry a range of dogs	6.1. Correctly prepare a dog for grooming
	6.2. Carry out bathing techniques using appropriate shampoo for dog's coat type and condition
	6.3. Dilute products according to the manufacturer instructions
	6.4. Perform drying techniques appropriate for the dog's coat type
7. Be able to record grooming styles	7.1. Record the equipment used
	7.2. Record the styling skills and patterns used
8. Be able to carry out styling and finishing techniques in accordance with breed patterns and client requirements	8.1. Evaluate a dog's coat type and condition to select appropriate grooming equipment for use
	8.2. Style dogs to cover a range of coat types in accordance with: • Breed pattern • Client requirements • Agreed plan • Coat type • Health • Temperament
	8.3. Demonstrate how the dog's 5 animal welfare needs (Animal Welfare Act, 2006) are met during the grooming process
	8.4. Groom at least 20 dogs, to include a minimum of 10 different breeds, covering the 6 coat types: • Double coat • Wool mix coat • Wire coat • Silk coat • Wool coat • Short and smooth
	8.5. Complete the agreed style within a realistic timescale, agreed plan, coat type, breed pattern and client's requirements, in line with safe working practices
9. Be able to use relevant equipment for preparing, styling and finishing of dogs	9.1. Demonstrate the type of equipment used for styling and finishing a range of dog grooms
	9.2. Correctly use equipment, ensuring high levels of animal welfare and safe working practices

Unit title:	Canine Emergency First Aid
Level:	3
Credit value:	1
GLH:	6
TQT:	10
Unit code:	307
Unit reference number:	K/618/1642
Unit aim:	The aim of this unit is to provide the knowledge, understanding and skills of canine emergency first aid, including when to call the vet and how to dress wounds, who can administer first aid and the classification of emergencies. You will understand how to assess and examine injured dogs, along with learning how to treat a variety of potential injuries and emergency events.
Number of learning outcomes	15

Learning Outcomes	Assessment Criteria
The learner will:	The learner can:
1. Understand the requirements of canine emergency first aid including who can administer it	1.1. Explain the objectives of canine emergency first aid 1.2. Outline who can perform first aid on dogs in emergency situations
2. Understand how to manage canine behaviour during emergency situations	2.1. Explain the techniques and tools to manage canine behaviour in an emergency situation
3. Understand the classification of emergencies	3.1. Explain the three main classifications of emergency 3.2. Describe example emergency situations within each classification 3.3. Assess the difference between collapsed and unconscious dogs
4. Understand the DR ABC of Canine Emergency First Aid and actions to take following the DR ABC assessment	4.1. Explain what is meant by DR ABC in canine emergency first aid and the steps involved in making this assessment
5. Understand how to put a dog in the recovery position	5.1. Describe the procedure to put a dog in the recovery position
6. Understand the examination of an injured animal and the actions to take to manage shock	6.1. Explain the examination of an injured animal 6.2. Describe the clinical signs and management of a dog suffering from shock 6.3. Identify the key clinical signs of impending cardiopulmonary arrest (CPA)
7. Be able to record key elements of canine vital statistics and conduct dog resuscitation (CPR)	7.1. Accurately record key elements of canine emergency first aid: • Record the pulse rate of a live dog • Record the respiration rate of a live dog 7.2. Conduct CPR on a CPR mannequin
	8.1. Classify different types of wounds

8. Know how to dress and treat wounds and fractures	8.2. Describe the emergency treatment of wounds
	8.3. Classify and describe different types of fracture
	8.4. Explain the signs and emergency treatment of a fracture
9. Be able to dress and treat wounds	9.1. Apply a dressing on a dog
10. Understand choking, stings and poisoning and the necessary first aid treatment	10.1 Explain how to perform abdominal thrusts on a dog
	10.2. Explain how to treat insect stings and snake bites
	10.3. Identify common household poisonous substances
	10.4. Explain the clinical signs, emergency treatment and prevention of poisoning in a dog
11. Understand the signs and treatment of hyperthermia, hypothermia and water inhalation	11.1. Describe the clinical signs and treatment of a dog with hyperthermia
	11.2. Describe the clinical signs and treatment of a dog who has suffered water inhalation
	11.3. Describe the clinical signs and treatment of a dog with hypothermia
	11.4. Explain how to take temperature measurements during canine emergency first aid
12. Understand the signs and treatment of a dog having a convulsion	12.1. Describe the signs and treatment of a dog having a convulsion
13. Understand signs and treatment of gastric torsion	13.1. Describe the clinical signs, treatment and prevention of gastric torsion or gastric dilation (bloat)
14. Understand different types of burns	14.1. Describe three types of burns
	14.2. Describe the treatment of one type of burn
	14.3. Describe the clinical signs and treatment required for electrocution
15. Understand what is required in a canine emergency first aid kit and how to communicate in emergency situations	15.1. Describe the information you may need to have and communicate to a vet in emergency cases
	15.2. List the basic content required in a canine emergency first aid kit

Unit title:	Planning the Operation of a Small Canine Business
Level:	3
Credit value:	3
GLH:	9
TQT:	30
Unit code:	308
Unit reference number:	M/618/1643
Unit aim:	The aim of this unit is to provide the knowledge and understanding of the operation of a small canine business, including establishing an effective marketing strategy and financial planning.
Number of learning outcomes	3

Learning Outcomes	Assessment Criteria
The learner will:	The learner can:
1. Understand the fundamental requirements of setting up a small canine business	1.1. Describe the different types of business ownership
	1.2. Identify the key requirements to operate a small canine business
	1.3. Explain the key elements of a business plan and how one is created
2. Understand the role of marketing in a small canine business	2.1. Describe how to use different marketing platforms for a small canine business
	2.2. Develop a basic marketing strategy for a small canine business
3. Understand the financial requirements of running a small canine business	3.1. Explain requirements for the keeping of business financial records
	3.2. Investigate costs involved with a small canine business and produce a financial budget
	3.3. Explain the requirement for management and payment of tax for your business

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	10/05/2022
Qualification review date	10/11/2027

11. Suggested Learning Resources

Unit	Suggested learning resources
Health and Safety in a Dog Grooming Environment	Literature Health & Safety at Work Essentials: The One-stop Guide to Health and Safety Issues in the Workplace. Published by Lawpack Publishing Ltd; 9th edition (18 June 2015); ISBN-10: 1910143235; Henmans Freeth LLP. The Dog Groomer's Manual: A Definitive Guide to the Science, Practice and Art of Dog Grooming The Crowood Press Ltd; 1 edition (4 July 2014) ISBN-10: 1847975909 ISBN-13: 978-1847975904 Gould, S. Grooming Manual for the Dog and Cat Publisher: Wiley-Blackwell; 1st Edition (13 April 2006) ISBN-10: 1405111836 ISBN-13: 978-1405111836 Dallas, S., North, D. & Angus, J. The Dog Law Handbook Published by: Sweet & Maxwell, 2011 (Second edition) ISBN: 0-414-04818-0 Clayden, P. Websites Risk assessment: Template and examples - HSE Dog laws UK Blue Cross Dog laws for owners - PDSA http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2006/45/contents https://www.hse.gov.uk/riddor/ https://www.hse.gov.uk/coshh/ www.defra.gov.uk http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2006/45/pdfs/ukpga_20060045_en.pdf https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/16/contents Code of practice for the welfare of dogs (publishing.service.gov.uk)
Promote the Welfare of Dogs Conforming with Relevant Legislation	Literature Animal Biology and Care Published by: Wiley-Blackwell, 2014 (3rd edition) ISBN: 978-1118276068 Dallas, S. & Jewell, E. The Dog: Its Behaviour, Nutrition and Health Published by Wiley-Blackwell, 2005 (2nd edition) ISBN: 0-813-81254-2 Case, L. The Dog Groomer's Manual: A Definitive Guide to the Science, Practice and Art of Dog Grooming The Crowood Press Ltd; 1 edition (4 July 2014) ISBN-10: 1847975909 ISBN-13: 978-1847975904 Gould, S.

	What Every Professional Groomer Should Know: The Professional Groomers Textbook Published by: Independently Published, 2020 ISBN: 979-8651154777 Angus, J., Duffy, Z and Thomas, A. Websites Code of practice for the welfare of dogs (publishing.service.gov.uk) Conditions - PDSA http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2006/45/contents https://www.hse.gov.uk/riddor/ https://www.hse.gov.uk/coshh/ www.defra.gov.uk http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2006/45/pdfs/ukpga_20060045_en.pdf www.pdsa.org.uk www.dogstrust.org.uk www.bluecross.org.uk https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/health https://www.legislation.gov.uk/nia/2011/16/contents
Customer Care and Managing Complaints	Literature Common Sense Customer Service - Improve your job skills and provide a great customer experience Published by: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2013 (1st edition) ISBN: 978-1482746150 Wells, V. Dealing with Difficult People: Creating success, 129) Published by: Kogan Page, 2013 (2nd edition) ISBN: 0-749-46694-4 Lilley, R. Websites www.forbes.com https://www.simplybusiness.co.uk/knowledge/articles/2019/12/dealing-with-customer-complaints-and-profiting/
Assess and Plan Dog Grooming Styles and Maintenance of Equipment	Literature Notes from the Grooming Table Publisher: The Pet Book Publishing Company Ltd; 2nd Revised edition (1 Sept. 2016) ISBN-10: 0692658076 ISBN-13: 978-0692658079 Verplank, M. The Dog Groomer's Manual: A Definitive Guide to the Science, Practice and Art of Dog Grooming The Crowood Press Ltd; 1 edition (4 July 2014) ISBN-10: 1847975909 ISBN-13: 978-1847975904 Gould, S. Grooming Manual for the Dog and Cat Publisher: Wiley-Blackwell; 1st Edition (13 April 2006) ISBN-10: 1405111836 ISBN-13: 978-1405111836 Dallas, S., North, D. & Angus, J.

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Health Checking, Handling and Canine Behaviour	Literature Think Dog Publisher: Cassell; 01 edition (14 July 2016) ISBN-10: 1844039099 ISBN-13: 978-184403909 Fisher, J. The Domestic Dog: Its evolution, behaviour and interaction with people Published by Cambridge University Press, 2016 (2nd edition) ISBN: 978-1107699342 Serpell, J. The Dog: Its Behaviour, Nutrition and Health Published by Wiley-Blackwell, 2005 (2nd edition) ISBN: 0-813-81254-2 Case, L. Anatomy of the Dog: In Straightforward Terms Published by: Cadmos Publishing Limited, 2010 ISBN: 3-86127-979-7 Mielke, K. Encyclopaedia of Dog Breeds Published by Barron's Educational Series, Inc., 2005 (2nd edition) ISBN: 0-764-15700-0 Coile, C. Websites www.defra.gov.uk www.pdsa.org.uk www.dogstrust.org.uk www.bluecross.org.uk www.purina.co.uk http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2006/45/contents https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/health https://www.legislation.gov.uk/nia/2011/16/contents
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Small Canine Business	The Dog Grooming Business Course: How to Set Up and Run Your Own Dog Grooming Business. At Home. Mobile. Salon Publisher: AuthorHouseUK (2016) ISBN-10: 0957569122 ISBN-13: 978-0957569126 Maris, K. How to Start a Business: An Essential Guide to Starting a Small Business from Scratch and Going from Business Idea and Plan to Scaling Up and Hiring Employees Publisher: Independently published (2020) ISBN-10: 1659075475 ISBN-13: 978-1659075472 McCarthy, R. Build a Business: Discover the True Earning Potential of Self Employment by Building a Business the Profitable Way Publisher: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform (2017) ISBN-10: 197372331X ISBN-13: 978-1973723318 Connors, K. Websites www.centrestagedogs.co.uk – groomers hourly rate calculator www.gov.uk www.hmrc.gov.uk www.hse.gov.uk www.legislation.gov.uk www.boughtbymany.com www.petplansanctuary.co.uk www.petbusinessinsurance.co.uk https://www.morebusiness.com/developing-a-profitable-small-business-operational-plan/ www.fsb.org.uk www.gov.uk www.acas.org.uk http://www.mybiga.org/
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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, the web portal or SharePoint.

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

Document Control

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