

Animal Care and Land-based Industries

Dog Grooming

Campus: Dearne Valley College

Code: D10AC02

Level: 3

About This Course

The Level 3 Diploma in Dog Grooming is designed to equip learners with the advanced skills and in-depth understanding necessary to excel in the diverse and demanding world of professional dog grooming. It goes beyond basic grooming techniques, fostering critical thinking, problem-solving, and a commitment to lifelong learning within the evolving landscape of canine care.

The Level 3 qualification will enable you to be a fully qualified dog groomer.

What Will I Study?

The curriculum will encompass a range of interconnected units, including:

- **Canine Anatomy and Physiology:** In-depth study of canine skeletal structure, muscular system, skin and coat, and internal organs to understand the impact of grooming practices on dog health.
- **Canine Behaviour and Welfare:** Understanding canine communication, recognising signs of stress and anxiety, and implementing positive handling techniques to ensure a safe and comfortable grooming experience.
- **Breed-Specific Grooming:** Mastering the techniques and styles associated with various dog breeds, including hand stripping, clipping, and scissoring.
- **Advanced Grooming Techniques:** Developing expertise in specialised grooming skills, such as creative grooming, colour enhancement (where appropriate and ethically sound), and dealing with challenging coat conditions.
- **Health and Safety in the Grooming Salon:** Understanding and adhering to strict hygiene protocols, preventing cross-contamination, and ensuring a safe

working environment for both groomers and dogs.

- Client Consultation and Communication: Developing effective communication strategies to understand client requirements, assess dog needs, and provide professional advice.

Why Study Here?

'Here at Dearne Valley Campus we have a tutor with over 10 years of experience in the industry, she owns her own independent Dog Grooming business and is very passionate about Dog Grooming education and ethical Dog Grooming practices'

Entry Requirements

- 4 GCSEs at grade 3 or above to include English and Maths or
- Level 1 Vocational Qualification plus English and Maths at Functional Skills Level 1 or
- Must hold a level 2 City and Guilds dog grooming assistant.

How To Apply

You can apply using our online application form and clicking the **Apply Now** button at the top of this page.

For more information support with your enquiry or application please contact Student Services by emailing learn@dearne-coll.ac.uk [mailto:learn@dearne-coll.ac.uk] or by calling **01709 513333**.

What Courses Can I Progress Onto?

First aid for dogs.

Industry lead level 4 advanced Dog Grooming.

Breed specialist training.

Tuition Fees

- 16-18 year olds do not need to pay course fees
- Those aged 19 or over may not need to pay fees depending on their circumstances. Find out if you qualify for help with fees.

If you need further advice or guidance please contact the Enquiries Team on **01709 513355**.

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