

## **Pet Grooming Show**

### **Rules and Regulations**

#### **Pet Grooming Show Categories:**

- 1. Hand Stripping (Beginner Class)**
- 2. Hand Stripping (Open Class)**
- 3. Spaniels and Setters (Beginner Class)**
- 4. Spaniels and Setters (Open Class)**
- 5. Pure Breeds (Beginner Class)**
- 6. Pure Breeds (Open Class)**
- 7. Poodles (Beginner Class)**
- 8. Poodles (Open Class)**
- 9. Workshop (Beginner Class)**
- 10. Workshop (Open Class)**
- 11. Asian Style (Beginner Class)**
- 12. Asian Style (Open Class)**
- 13. Model Dog Creative**
- 14. Model Dog Commercial**

#### **Class Division**

##### **Hand Stripping, Spaniels and Setters, Pure Breeds, Poodles**

**Beginner Class** – competitors with up to 2 years of experience as a groomer (including show experience).

**Open Class** – over 2 years of experience. Competitors who have competed in a Champion Class are not eligible.

Dogs must be groomed according to FCI breed standards.

##### **Workshop, Asian Style**

Same experience criteria as above.

Grooming does not follow FCI standards. All breeds welcome. Hand stripping is not allowed. All grooming techniques are permitted.

For poodles: muzzle must not be shaved. Temporary accessories and washable dyes (chalk, markers) allowed.

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##### **Model Dog**

Artificial models made of synthetic fiber with full-body structure required.

Commercial Class: Should resemble a commercially groomed pet. Minor color accents allowed.

Creative Class: Freeform, colorful, artistic grooming styles allowed.

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### **Time Limits**

Category Small Medium Large

Hand Stripping (no clippers) 2.5h – 3h

Hand Stripping (with clippers) 2h 2h 15min 2.5h

Spaniels & Setters – – 2.5h

Poodles Up to 45cm: 2h 15min Over 45cm: 2.5h (+15min for topknot)

Pure Breeds 2h (e.g. Bichon, Bedlington) 2.5h (e.g. Kerry Blue)

Workshop / Asian Style 2h 2.5h

Model Dog Commercial – 2h Creative – 2h 15min

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### **Requirements for Dogs**

All dogs must have a valid rabies vaccination record.

Dogs must be bathed (except hand-stripped dogs).

Clean ears, clipped nails, and hygienically prepped areas are required.

No visible clipper lines or patterns allowed.

Hair must be long enough to show transformation.

Improper coat prep may result in disqualification from placing.

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### **Grooming Rules by Category**

#### **Hand Stripping:**

No bald patches or pink skin visible.

Hand-stripped "with the grain", without pain.

Coat rolling allowed.

Clippers may only be used on specific areas (e.g. Schnauzer head, WHWT ears).

#### **Poodles & Pure Breeds:**

Must be bathed and well-dried.

No clipper guards allowed.

Face, feet, and tail must be shaved prior to competition (except Asian Style).

Must reflect the FCI standard style.

#### **Asian Style / Workshop:**

All tools allowed (scissors, clipper, thinning shears).

Washable dyes and collars permitted.

#### **Model Dog:**

Chalk and color allowed. No mess on judge's hands post-evaluation.

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### **Judging Criteria**

Suitability of style to dog

Grooming difficulty

Ability to enhance anatomy and hide flaws

Trendiness and execution of modern grooming styles  
Adherence to breed standards  
Finish quality (scissoring, clipping, hand stripping)  
Balance, symmetry, and smoothness  
Presentation to judges  
Scoring:  
10 points – 1st place  
8 points – 2nd place  
6 points – 3rd place  
(Judges work independently, no consultations allowed.)

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### **Awards**

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each category  
BEST IN SHOW – selected from all 1st place winners  
Best Transformation – selected from all categories  
Rising Star – chosen from Beginner Classes  
Golden Stripper – best from Hand Stripping / Spaniels & Setters  
Golden Scissors – best from Poodles / Pure Breeds

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### **Important Competition Rules**

Arrive at ring 30 mins before start with your dog and tools.  
No talking to other competitors or the audience during competition.  
Mobile phone use is strictly prohibited.  
Aggressive behavior or mishandling of dogs may lead to disqualification.  
Clean up your grooming station after the contest.  
A comb must be left on the table for judging.  
Display dogs only during judging.  
Any injury or burn to a dog disqualifies from winning.  
No refunds in case of withdrawal.  
Entering the contest implies acceptance of all rules and consent to use of image for promotional purposes.