



GUIDELINE FOR DOG GROOMING CERTIFICATE OF BATHER/FLUFFER (7701)

The following information is a guideline to help candidates understand the points the examiners will be observing in the practical test.

- **Good planning for the practical examination is important. The search for suitable dogs can take time. Choose dogs on which you can demonstrate your best work. Avoid where possible using dogs with eye, ear or skin problems or have these corrected prior to the examination. The examiners will note your choice of dog as being in a suitable condition and of sound temperament. Should you have an unavoidable condition or problem with your dog always point this out to the examiners before each relevant component. Animals must have at least six weeks growth of hair.**
- **The examiners will watch how you handle and control your dog and see that you move the animal's joints correctly, that you work gently and with care and talk to your dog. How you handle yourself and your tools will be noted.**
- **When planning for your examination it is important to note the time it takes to carry out each stage of your work.**
- **Your examiners will understand if you are a little nervous and will try to reassure you.**

PRACTICAL TEST 1: MINIATURE POODLE OR BICHON

Time allowed: 1 hour, 30 minutes

Ensure your animal has been thoroughly brushed and combed prior to the examination. Your choice of animal is important to you. Please select one that you have worked on beforehand and you feel comfortable with. Your animal does not need to be clipped or prepped for this examination, you will be tested only on your bathing, blow drying and final comb out along with your handling skills.

1. BATH:

A. With the appropriate shampoo, shampoo the entire coat. Be sure to put mineral oil in the eyes so that burning and sensitivity is not created. Empty the anal glands, if necessary. While bathing the dog, remove all drainage from the eyes as well as clean any feces from the bum area. Apply creme rinse, rub thoroughly through the coat and rinse with water until all residue is removed from the coat.

B. Towel dry the animal thoroughly. Use of a high velocity drier may also be used, coming out of this the animal should arrive at the table, almost dry. Be sure the coat is not dripping wet when it arrives for the next stage of blow drying.

2. DRY:

Fluff dry the dog and re-comb to ensure that all dead coat is removed. Coat will be thoroughly dry and will be combed out without knots and tangles.

On completion the examiners will look at the thoroughness of your bathing and drying skills.



PRACTICAL TEST 2: THE NATURAL COATED DOG

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