

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

specialist tutor with over 30 years of

experience in

dog

grooming, judging

and competing all over the world.

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 513355**.

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**.

Additional Information

PLEASE NOTE

We make every effort to ensure information within our online course directory is accurate and a true representation of the courses we are offering in 2025-26. However, we do reserve the right to make changes if necessary.

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