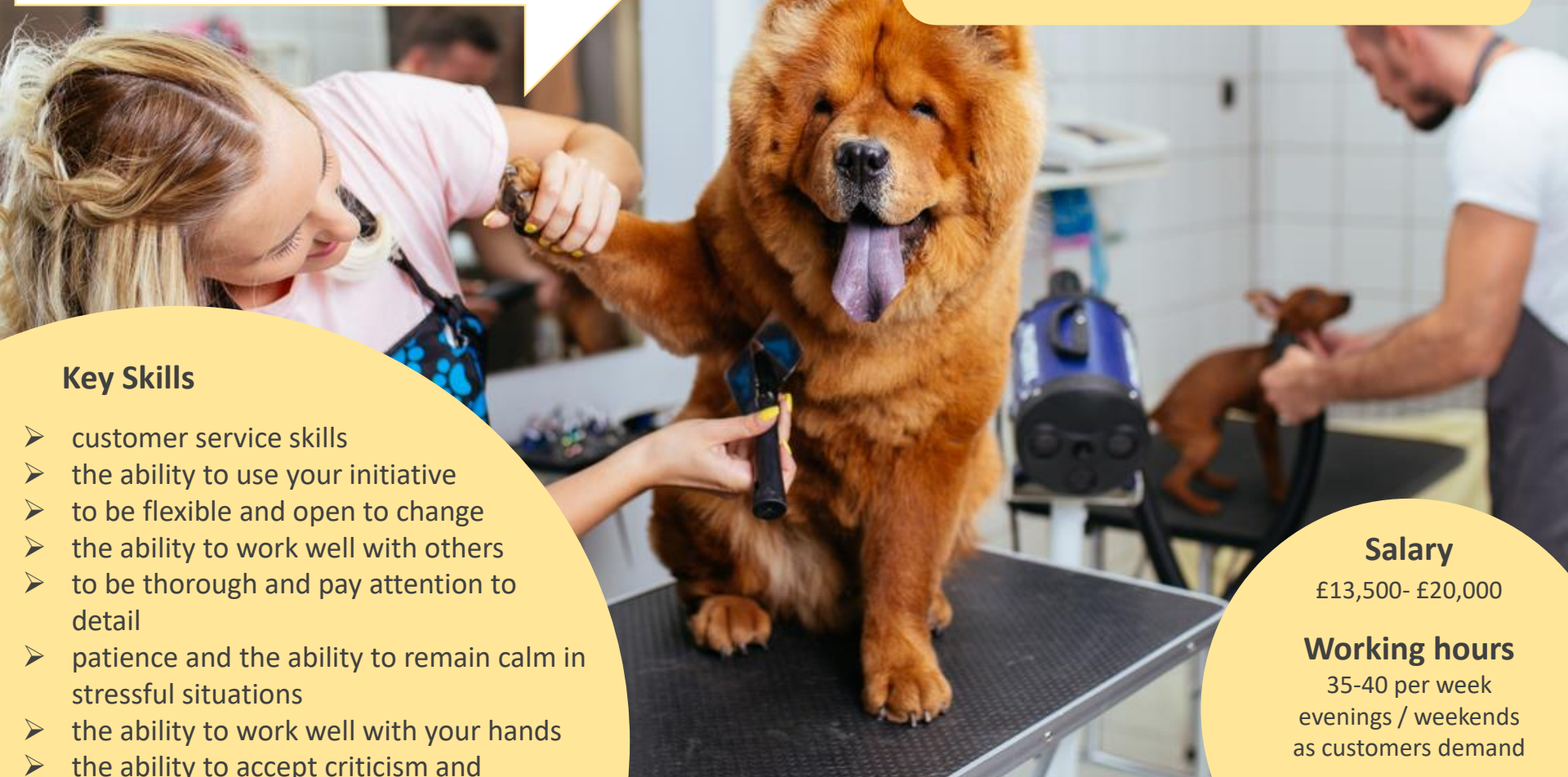


Job of The Week

Dog Groomer



Key Skills

- customer service skills
- the ability to use your initiative
- to be flexible and open to change
- the ability to work well with others
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- the ability to work well with your hands
- the ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure
- to be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device

Salary

£13,500- £20,000

Working hours

35-40 per week
evenings / weekends
as customers demand

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Dog Groomer

Volunteering

You could get experience by doing voluntary work with dogs in kennels, which can help when applying for courses or jobs.

The Dogs Trust and Do-IT have more information on volunteering opportunities.

College

You could take a course in dog grooming like:

- Level 2 Certificate for Dog Grooming Assistants
- Level 3 Diploma in Dog Grooming
- Level 4 Higher Professional Diploma in Dog Grooming

These are offered by colleges and private training centres.

Entry requirements

You'll usually need:

- 2 or more GCSEs at grades 9 to 3, or equivalent, for a level 2 course
- 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4, or equivalent, for a level 3 course

Apprenticeship

You could get into this job through a Dog Grooming Level 2 Intermediate Apprenticeship.

You might also be able to apply for an Animal Care and Welfare Manager Level 3 Advanced Apprenticeship, if you plan to become a supervisor or manager in a business.

Apprenticeships can take up to 1 year and 6 months to complete.

Entry requirements

There are no set entry requirements but it may help you to get in if you have:

- some GCSEs, usually including English and maths, or equivalent, for an intermediate apprenticeship
- 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, including English and maths, for an advanced apprenticeship

Career path and progression

Look at progression in this role and similar opportunities. With experience and qualifications, you could become self-employed and work from home or become a mobile dog groomer, visiting owners' homes.

You could also open your own salon or teach dog grooming classes.

Day to Day tasks:

As a dog groomer, you'll:

- prepare the dog for bathing
- shampoo and dry the dog's coat
- check for common disorders and parasites
- use scissors to trim and style the dog's coat
- manage the dog's behaviour while in your care
- deal with clients, give grooming advice and do admin tasks
- shape a dog's coat with electric clippers or a stripping knife

Working conditions

You could work in a salon, at a client's home, at a store or at a veterinary practice.

Your working environment may be dusty and physically demanding.

Labour Market Information

In the Careers section of the school website you can find the useful comparison tool the 'Labour Market Information widget'.

Use the widget to compare different job roles in any employment sector or relating specifically to the 'Job of the Week'.

Animal care services occupations n.e.c.

Weekly Pay
£430

Annual Pay
£22,360

Hours/Week
26h

Hourly Pay
£17

Workforce Change (projected)

Growth
5.4%

Replacement
53.8%

The workforce is projected to grow by 5.4% over the period to 2027, creating 4,300 jobs.
In the same period, 53.8% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 42,900 job openings.

You might find this job in
Agriculture, etc
Veterinary
Sport & recreation
Education
Libraries, etc

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Veterinary nurses

Weekly Pay
£420

Annual Pay
£21,840

Hours/Week
33h

Hourly Pay
£13

Workforce Change (projected)

Growth
5.4%

Replacement
53.8%

The workforce is projected to grow by 5.4% over the period to 2027, creating 900 jobs.
In the same period, 53.8% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 9,200 job openings.

You might find this job in
Veterinary
Health

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Veterinarians

Weekly Pay
£740

Annual Pay
£38,480

Hours/Week
36h

Hourly Pay
£21

Workforce Change (projected)

Growth
3.8%

Replacement
51.3%

The workforce is projected to grow by 3.8% over the period to 2027, creating 1,000 jobs.
In the same period, 51.3% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 13,900 job openings.

You might find this job in
Veterinary
Social work

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Labour Market Information



Animal care services occupations n.e.c.

Workers in this unit group care for animals held in kennels, stables, zoos and similar establishments, provide specialised training, grooming, clipping and trimming services for animals, and searches for and captures stray or nuisance dogs in public areas and perform a variety of animal care tasks not elsewhere classified in MINOR GROUP 613: Animal Care and Control Services.

Common tasks in this job:

- feeds, washes, grooms, trims and exercises animals;
- cleans animals' quarters and renews bedding as necessary;
- houses, feeds, exercises, trains, grooms horses, dogs and other animals in preparation for entry to shows, races and other events;
- checks animals for illness, treats minor ailments or calls for vet if further treatment is required;

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Veterinary nurses

Veterinary nurses provide assistance to veterinarians in the treatment and care of sick or injured animals.

Common tasks in this job:

- assists the veterinary surgeon during surgical and medical treatments of animals;
- prepares operating theatre, sterilises equipment and assists in theatre as required;
- dispenses and administers medication and applies dressings to animals under direction from the veterinarian;
- handles animals during treatment;

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Veterinarians

Veterinarians diagnose and treat animal injuries, diseases and disorders, and advise on preventative action. They may work in practices, specialising according to their location in either a rural or urban area, or in the public sector or associated industries such as pharmaceuticals, food production or drug regulation.

Common tasks in this job:

- examines animals, diagnoses condition and prescribes and administers appropriate drugs, dressings, etc., and arranges or undertakes any necessary x-ray or other tests;
- inoculates animals against communicable diseases;
- administers local or general anaesthetics and performs surgery;
- investigates outbreaks of animal diseases and advises owners on feeding, breeding and general care;

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Keep looking...

Use these links to learn more about our Job of The Week, consider the various pathways leading to the career, what you can be doing now to help yourself and other roles in the industry...

Take a look at these short videos for inspiration...

A Day In The Life - Dog Grooming



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sID2a5tuMBA&pp=ygUiY5BkYXkgaW4gdGhlGxpZmUgb2YgYSBkb2c3Jvb21lcg%3D%3D>

Poodle Full Groom - Dog Grooming Tutorial



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FzmiG6xLQb0&pp=ygUpUyG9vZGxllEz1bGwgrR3Jvb20gLSBEb2cgR3Jvb21pbmV0b3JpYWw%3D>

CWA Dog Grooming at Cambridge and Wisbech



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f0Tqv4ZPEac&pp=ygUpQ1dBIERvZyBHcm9vbWluZyBhdCBDYWY1cmIkZ2UgYW5kIFdpc2JlY2g%3D>

Study dog grooming at Capel Manor College



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r-hcksO-430&pp=ygUkd2hhdCBpcyBhIGRvZyBncm9vbWVvcyBhdCBib2xsZWdlIHVr>

Useful Websites

[Dog groomer | Explore careers | National Careers Service](#)

[The National Pet College is the training provider for pet professionals.](#)

[Animal Studies - Boston College](#)

[Careerpilot : Job sectors : Animal : Job profiles : Dog groomer](#)

[Animal Care Technical Diploma Level 2 - Stamford College](#)