

Dog Groomer

What is it?

Dog grooming involves the care and maintenance of a dog's physical appearance. This includes bathing, trimming fur, clipping nails, and ensuring the overall health and well-being of the animal.

Qualifications/Experience Required:

While there are no formal qualifications required to become a dog groomer, having a certificate or diploma in animal care or grooming can be advantageous. Previous experience working with animals, such as volunteering at a local shelter or pet store, can also be beneficial.

What the Work Involves:

The work involves, bathing and drying dogs, brushing and combing fur, clipping nails, trimming fur to breed-specific standards or owner preferences. Checking for signs of health issues like skin conditions or parasites, and providing excellent customer service and communicating with pet owners

Future Prospects – Labour Market Information:

The demand for dog groomers is expected to remain steady, with many pet owners recognising the importance of regular grooming for their pets. There may also be opportunities for advancement, such as opening your own grooming salon or specialising in specific breeds or techniques.

UK projection

Weekly Pay	Annual Pay
£430	£22,360
Hours/Week	Hourly Pay
26h	£17

Workforce Change (projected)

Growth	Replacement
5.4%	53.8%

Type of person who may be suited to this job:

This job may be suited to individuals who have a passion for animals, enjoy working with their hands, have good attention to detail, and possess excellent communication skills. Patience and a gentle demeanour are also important when working with

Money/Wage Guide:

Entry-level dog groomers can expect to earn around £15,000 to £18,000 per year. With experience and expertise, this can increase to £20,000 to £25,000 or more. Self-employed dog groomers may earn more depending on their client base and location.

Related Opportunities:

- Pet store assistant
- Veterinary assistant
- Animal shelter worker
- Dog trainer

Further Information:

National Careers Service:

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/dog-groomer>

British Dog Groomers' Association:

<https://www.petcare.org.uk/>