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| Release | Comments |
| Release 2 | This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 4.0. |
| Release 1 | This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 1.0. |

| ACMGRM301 | Perform dog grooms on different coat type |
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| Application | This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to groom different dog breed coat types.  This unit applies to individuals working in the companion animal industry sector where dog grooming services are provided. They work independently and take responsibility for the quality of their own work, including carrying out assigned tasks, selecting products and techniques and working to required timeframes.  All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures according to state/territory health and safety and animal welfare regulations, legislation and standards that apply to the workplace.  No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication. |
| Prerequisite Unit | Nil  Nil |
| Unit Sector | Grooming (GRM) |

| Elements | Performance Criteria |
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| Elements describe the essential outcomes. | Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element. |
| 1. Classify dogs using Australian breed standards | 1.1 Identify features of conformation for dog breeds recognised in Australia  1.2 Recognise colours for each breed  1.3 Identify coat types and characteristics for each breed  1.4 Identify grooming requirements according to breed standard |
| 2. Select and operate grooming tools | 2.1 Determine care requirements of each coat type  2.2 Identify tools and equipment used for specific breeds and purposes  2.3 Identify hazards, for people and dogs, associated with the use of grooming tools and equipment, and manage risks  2.4 Select and correctly fit personal protective equipment (PPE) appropriate for grooming activity  2.5 Complete maintenance and cleaning of grooming tools |
| 3. Determine dog coat type and management requirements | 3.1 Perform pre-grooming consultation to identify dog health and behaviour issues and risks  3.2 Determine purpose of groom and hair phase of dog coat  3.3 Select grooming tools, equipment and products for specific coat type requirements  3.4 Select grooming products for application to specific coat types |
| 4. Groom dogs for specific breed and coat requirements | 4.1 Complete dog grooming techniques for body and tail grooming for a range of coat types  4.2 Complete dog grooming techniques for head grooming for a range of coat types  4.3 Complete dog grooming techniques for legs and feet grooming for a range of coat types  4.4 Complete grooming techniques to meet breed standard requirements |
| 5. Complete grooming process | 5.1 House and monitor animal until owner or carer arrives  5.2 Clean, sanitise and store grooming equipment and audit and record supplies  5.3 Collect and dispose of waste material of according to workplace health and safety, environmental and legislative requirements  5.4 Document grooming services for invoicing  5.5 Return animal to owner, review grooming plan and discuss any follow up requirements |

| Foundation Skills  This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria. | |
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| Skill | Description |
| Writing | * Use industry terminology when completing grooming documents |
| Oral communication | * Use industry terminology and give clear explanations to others relating to dog coat condition and behaviour |
| Reading | * Interpret grooming equipment instruction manuals |
| Numeracy | * Calculate volume, weight, area, ratio, time and application rates * Interpret numerical information provided with dog grooming products and equipment |

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| Unit Mapping Information | | | |
| Code and title current version | Code and title previous version | Comments | Equivalence status |
| ACMGRM301 Perform dog grooms on different coat types | ACMGRM301 Perform dog grooms on different coat types | Removed prerequisites. Changed order of performance criteria for clarification  New PCs 2.4 &3.1, element 4 split into two, revised PCs in element 5  Revised assessment requirements | No equivalent unit |

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| TITLE | Assessment requirements for ACMGRM301 Perform dog grooms on different coat types |
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| Performance Evidence | |
| An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.  There must be evidence (direct observation or video evidence) that the individual has independently completed a full groom of at least six dogs each with different coat types, selected from the following:   * long/drop coat * double/heavy coat * combination/silky coat * fluffy/curly coat * short/smooth coat * wiry coat   In doing the above, the individual must have:   * used industry-recognised grooming techniques for different coat types, including a poodle point technique * handled each animal in a safe and humane manner * demonstrated appropriate and correct use and maintenance of the following equipment: * clippers, including correct blade selection and use of snap on combs * scissors including straight, curved and thinners * undercoat rake including coat king, furminator, de-shedding rake and de-matting tool * brushes including slicker, pin and bore bristle * combs including poodle, greyhound, coarse and fine tooth * selected, fitted and correctly use personal protective equipment * completed post-grooming cleaning and housekeeping procedures * maintained records for each dog. | |

| Knowledge Evidence |
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| An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:   * overview of Australian National Kennel Council dog breed standards * dog anatomy and physiology related to grooming procedures, including conformation features of dogs * dog coat types, coat characteristics and stages of coat/hair growth * dog behaviour, anatomy and physiology related to grooming procedures and products, including: * common behaviour traits * range of movement * signs of pain, distress or illness * issues relating to brachycephalic breeds * signs of abnormalities and health concerns in dogs, including common parasitic infections * dog behaviour traits, including signs of distress or other emotional states * industry-recognised grooming techniques for different coat types, including maintenance and restoration * types of dog grooming and finishing products * equipment used for a range of coat types and conditions * correct use and maintenance of the following grooming equipment: * clippers, including correct blade selection and use of snap on combs * scissors including straight, curved and thinners * undercoat rake including coat king, furminator, de-shedding rake and de-matting tool * brushes including slicker, pin and bore bristle * combs including poodle, greyhound, coarse and fine tooth * carding tools including stripping knives, stones * personal protective equipment suitable for activity, including gloves, masks, closed/non-slip shoes, goggles and/or earmuffs * safe and humane dog handling and restraint techniques and procedures * types and transmission of zoonoses relevant to dogs and methods of prevention and control * workplace policies, procedures and requirements, including: * safety and emergency procedures * hygiene and infection control * waste disposal * animal welfare and humane handling * personal protective equipment (PPE) suitable for activity, including gloves, masks, closed/non-slip shoes, goggles and/or earmuffs * safe use of disinfectants and cleaning agents * cleaning techniques, equipment and materials used in a companion animal workplace * workplace guidelines and approaches to environmental sustainability including resource use and disposal of waste * requirements of relevant record keeping system. |

| Assessment Conditions |
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| Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:   * physical conditions: * skills must be demonstrated in a workplace setting or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions * resources, equipment and materials: * live dogs for grooming with coats specified in the performance evidence * products, tools and equipment for grooming dogs specified in the performance evidence, including personal protective equipment * PPE suitable for grooming activity disinfectants and cleaning agents.   Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards. |

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