



# Terms & Conditions

## DUBAI GROOMING 2025

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# Terms & Conditions of the Grooming Competition

## "Dubai Groom 2025"

### 1. General Provisions

#### 1.1. Organizers & Sponsors:

- Pet World Arabia
- Rajesh Nair - AL FAJER Information & Services
- Mytrofanova Iryna - Dandy Dog, under the aegis of the **Ukrainian Grooming Association**
- YUUP! - World's Best Natural Cat & Dog Cosmetics - Made in Italy

#### 1.2. Objectives of the Competition:

- Development and popularization of professional grooming in the **UAE**.
- Increasing the qualifications of groomers, exchanging experience and knowledge.
- Demonstrating modern grooming techniques, styling, and care.
- Promoting **humane treatment** of animals and a culture of care.

The competition is an open event for **professional groomers**. Participants demonstrate their skill with tools, grooming techniques, and knowledge of cosmetic products. The competition is held **in the spirit of fair competition** and **adherence to international standards**. Judging is conducted by an **independent panel of judges**.

#### 1.3. Judging Panel:

##### **Head Judge: Iryna Mytrofanova** (UKR)

- Master groomer, speaker, instructor
- Member and Partner of the Ukrainian Groomers Association "Suziria" (U.G.A.)
- Member of the national delegation at Groomania 2023 (Belgium) under the aegis of U.G.A.
- BIS of All-Ukrainian Creative Grooming Competition 2019
- Participant and Winner of Grooming Competitions by U.G.A./ E.G.A./ I.G.A./
- Author of expert articles in the Ukrainian grooming magazine "Groom Service"
- Featured on the cover of the professional national magazine "Groom Service" (2019)

##### **Assistant Judge: Nataliia Pravda** (UKR)

- Pro-groomer, Veterinarian
- Member of the Ukrainian Groomers Association "Suziria"
- Graduate of I.G.A.
- Author of expert articles in the Ukrainian grooming magazine "Groom Service"
- Participant and Winner of Ukrainian creative grooming competitions

# 1.4. 19.04.2025 – Masterclass – 12 pm - 4 pm

## "Grooming as an Art: Shapes, Technique, and Competitions"

### Fundamentals of Grooming

- Differences between salon grooming and breed-standard grooming
- FCI standards and their impact on grooming styles

### Dog Anatomy in Grooming

- How body structure influences styling
- Balance, symmetry, and haircut schemes

### Scissoring Techniques

- Proper hand positioning, balance, and control
- Achieving a clean and precise cut

### Coat Types and Their Grooming Needs

- Straight, Curly, Double-coat, Short-coat, and Wried-coat
- What grooming is beneficial and what can be harmful
- Choosing the right tools and products for each coat type

### Cosmetic Protocols & Finishing Touches

- Selecting the best products for different coat types and grooming styles
- Using styling products for a flawless finish
- Drying techniques: choosing the right blow dryer and attachments

### Competition Preparation & Secrets to Winning

- Selecting the right dog for competitions: key factors to consider
- Preparation strategy: coat care and hygiene
- Perfecting details: achieving ideal symmetry and balance
- Winning over the judges: presenting your dog according to breed standards
- Mental preparation: staying confident and focused

### Why Attend This Masterclass?

These skills will not only enhance your technique and professionalism but will also help you:

- ✓ Create flawless haircuts that highlight a dog's anatomy
- ✓ Gain recognition in the grooming community and succeed in competitions
- ✓ Build trust and loyalty with clients
- ✓ Grow your business and increase income

This masterclass is not just about grooming—it's about mastering your craft and taking your career to the next level!

# 20.04.2025 – Grooming Competition

## "Dubai Groom 2025"

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM - Registration, Dog Preparation, Photoshoot

1:30 PM - 2:00 PM - Pre-Competition Evaluation

2:00 PM - 4:30 PM - Competition Begins

4:30 PM - 5:00 PM - Post-Competition Evaluation

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Photoshoot / Results Calculation and Discussion

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM - Announcement and Awarding of Winners

## 2. Competition Categories

### 2.1. **Category "Freestyle"** (Salon Grooming) - Individual participation

Participants perform a **salon haircut** without adherence to breed standards in one of the subcategories:

- **Straight Coat** (Yorkshire Terrier, Maltese, Shih Tzu, Havana Bichon, Coton de Tulear, etc.)
- **Curly Coat** (Poodle, Bichon, "Poodle styled" dogs, etc.)
- **Double Coat** (Spitz, Corgi, Pekingese, etc.)

Each subcategory must have at least 3-5 participants. If the number of participants in a specific subcategory is insufficient, the Organizer or Judge has the right to combine two or more subcategories to maintain the competitive spirit and fair competition.

### 2.2. **Category "Best Team"** - Group participation

- The team consists of **3 participants** from one company, competing in the **"Freestyle"** category.
- If the category includes subcategories, the team must be represented in each of them (one participant per subcategory).
- Groomers of any level can participate in the team – both beginners and professionals.
- At the same time with the team competition, each participant also competes in the individual segment.
- A single work is counted in both categories: **individual score** and **team score**.
- Team style is encouraged (uniforms, slogans, logos, etc.).
- The winner is determined by the total score accumulated by each team member in their individual category.

## 3. Competition Classes

### 3.1. **Beginner Class** - *up to 2 years of experience*

- On the day of the competition, a participant registered in the Beginner class must provide an ID with information about their workplace for the last 3 years to confirm less than 2 years of experience.
- If the participant wins any category at one of the competitions within the year, they are automatically moved to the Open class. After one year, a participant from the Beginner class will also be transferred to the Open class, even if they have not won.

### 3.2. **Open Class** "*PRO*" - *2 years or more of experience*

- This is the main class for all participants. It includes groomers with more than two years of experience, as well as participants from any category who have moved from the Beginner class.

NOTES: Since this is the first competition organized in the region, a **Champion class is not provided in the regulations**. If you have previously won **1st place or BIS** in other competitions, please inform the organizers. This will help determine the category in which it would be fairer for you to participate, ensuring **equal conditions and fair competition** for all participants.

## 4. Participants

The competition is open to **professional and beginner groomers** who wish to compete. To participate, you must go through **pre-registration**, selecting:

- **Category** (section 2)
- **Class** (section 3)

The competition is based on the principles of **equality and fair competition**, bringing together **both professionals and amateurs, experienced groomers and beginners**. During the competition, participants must **demonstrate their professional skills to the fullest**, including:

- Mastery of various tools and techniques.
- Proper use of cosmetics for skin and coat care.

### 4.1. **Requirements for Participants**

- Participants must provide their own models. The dog of the declared breed or a mixed breed, if permitted in the relevant category.
- Full set of tools according to the competition rules.

## 4.2. Use of Tools and Cosmetics

- Participants use their own tools: clippers, blades, attachments, scissors, combs, slickers and blow dryer if required. Tools must be of good quality and intended for use on animals.
- The use of poor-quality tools is not considered an excuse for low-quality work.
- Participants are allowed to use cosmetics such as fixatives, sprays, mousses, powders, oils, and other professional cosmetics, but **not in excess**.
- Judges will evaluate not only the result of the work but also the quality of the technique used with the tools.
- Pre-dyeing the coat and the use of fixed frames are prohibited.

## 4.3. Creative Freedom

- Participants organize their work as they see fit, following the chosen style and breed requirements.
- All grooming techniques are allowed, as long as the chosen method corresponds to the dog's coat type and does not harm it.
- Breaks are allowed at the participant's discretion, but the work time will not be extended.
- During the competition, participants may remove the dog from the table to assess its movements, without causing interference to other participants.
- After completing the work, the groomer may change clothes and prepare the table for displaying the dog.

## 4.4. Responsibilities and Behavior Rules

- Strictly follow the instructions of the judges and organizers.
- Start and finish work within the allotted time.
- Maintain a professional demeanor, showing respect to judges, organizers, and other participants.
- Participants must be at the table with their registration number 30 minutes before the competition begins for preliminary inspection by the judges.

## 4.5. Prohibited Actions

- Any help from third parties is prohibited unless personally authorized by the judge.
- Cruelty towards animals is strictly prohibited.
- Disputes with judges and organizers are prohibited.
- Participants are strictly forbidden from leaving the model unattended on the table, even for a minimal amount of time.
- Pre-dyeing the coat and the use of fixed frames are prohibited. Violating these rules may lead to a lower score or disqualification of the participant. (For details, see section 9)

**5. Model** – a dog of the selected breed (or mixed breed) in the relevant categories, on which the participant demonstrates their skills. The animal must meet the competition requirements for coat condition and health.

### 5.1. Requirements for Models (Dogs)

In this competition, in the Freestyle category (Salon Grooming), dogs of both clipped and non-clipped breeds, as well as mixed breeds, can participate.

- **Dogs of small breeds up to 35 cm at the withers.**
- **Age:** from 10 months to 7 years.
- The animal must be **healthy, vaccinated, and free from aggression, heat, or pregnancy.**
- The dog must have a veterinary passport with up-to-date vaccinations, including DHPPI, Rabies, and Kennel Cough.
- The coat length must be at least 4 weeks long and allow for **a visible change in appearance.**
  - *If the coat is not long enough to visibly change the dog's appearance, the competition time for this model may be reduced.*
  - *If the coat has not been clipped for more than six weeks, in this case, when evaluating the result, preference will be given to the dog with longer, more overgrown hair.*

The dog should be friendly and non-aggressive. It should stand well on the table. If necessary, the groomer must be able to handle the dog; otherwise, the judge may remove the dog and the participant from the competition. In exceptional cases, the judge may allow assistance in holding the dog. The assistant is not allowed to participate directly in the groomer's work but may help hold the dog.

### 5.2. Pre-Competition Coat Preparation

Pre-competition coat preparation is an essential part of the work. The groomer may spend as much time as needed on preparation before arriving at the competition and may choose a dog with the most "suitable" coat for the work. A good choice of dog and preparation are key steps to success!

- The dog's coat should be washed, dried, and properly prepared for the work as the groomer sees fit (for example, stretching for curly coats, etc.).
- The skin must be clean, free of fleas and parasites. The coat must be thoroughly brushed.
- If the dog has cuts, scratches, or other skin defects, **the groomer must inform the judge** during the preliminary inspection, and the judge will record this information in the preliminary inspection report. Otherwise, during the final inspection, noticeable scratches and skin damage may be evaluated as a grooming error, and the participant will lose points.

### 5.3. Pre-Competition Hygienic Preparation

- The ears must be clean and trimmed on the inside for those breeds where this is required.
- Nails must be trimmed and filed in advance.
- The pads of the paws and the hair between the toes must be trimmed, but **NOT on top of the toes** and **NO paw contour trimming!** (*If paw contour trimming is noticed, 10 minutes will be deducted from the total competition time*).
- The genital area and groin must be trimmed. This is done to avoid accidental injuries in these areas during the competition and time constraints. Also, some dogs may be nervous about grooming these areas, which can hinder the groomer's work.

All data regarding the quality of pre-competition preparation and the condition of the coat will be recorded by the expert in the preliminary inspection report.

## 6. Time to Complete the Work

- **Beginners Class: 2.5 hours**
- **Open Class: 2 hours**
- **Team Class:** according to the experience level of each participant

### 6.1. After the Competition Time Ends:

- After the competition time ends, the participant must put down the scissors and other cutting tools, remove the hair and other items from the table and around it, allowing the judges to approach the table freely for inspection.
- The use of a comb and finishing cosmetics is allowed.
- During the inspection of other participants' work by the experts, the participant is allowed to brush their model.
- The participant must place the dog in a standing position to present it to the judges.
- During the model inspection, no actions, except for those necessary to hold the dog on the table, are allowed.



## 7. Competition Process

- 7.1. After the registration of participants and setting up the workstations, the judge conducts a preliminary evaluation of the dogs' coats, which is recorded in the report.
- 7.2. After the inspection of all dogs, the competition begins, and groomers start working simultaneously.
- 7.3. During the work, entry into the ring by outsiders is prohibited.
- 7.4. Photographers are allowed in the ring with the judge's permission.
- 7.5. Visitors are strictly prohibited from entering the ring.
- 7.6. Each participant uses the tools and cosmetics available to them.
- 7.7. During the competition, the judge observes the work, evaluates the groomer's technique, and records the observations. After the allotted time for the groomers' work ends, the judge begins the final inspection, where the results are evaluated and recorded in the report.
- 7.8. After the work time ends, the groomer is not allowed to use cutting or trimming tools, but the use of cosmetics and a comb is permitted.

## 8. Evaluation of Participants' Work

- 8.1. **Pre-grooming** (*Hygiene, coat condition and styling*)
- 8.2. **Variety of tools usage techniques** (*solo-clip, clippers, attachments, scissors, hand positioning, etc.*)
- 8.3. **Quality of grooming execution** (*balance, symmetry, silhouette harmony, hidden areas, clean lines, smooth transitions*)
- 8.4. **Compliance of the grooming style/technique with the chosen breed** (*ensuring the technique is not harmful and does not have negative consequences for the breed*)
- 8.5. **Humane approach to the animal** (*calm handling, ensuring the dog's comfort during grooming*)
- 8.6. **Overall impression and presentation of the dog** (*dog's behavior, presentation*)

### 8.7. Evaluation Criteria

- **Evaluation is conducted on a point-based system** in accordance with paragraph 8.1- 8.6
- **Experts have the right not to award prize places** or to assign them at their discretion if there are **fewer than 3 participants** in the category, and the participant has not earned enough points to place.
- **Team Scoring:** The points of all three team members are summed, and the positions are distributed based on the total score— the team with the highest result wins.

# 9. Penalties and Disqualifications

## 9.1. Reduction in Score:

- Failure to comply with the time regulations
- Use of prohibited methods and materials: fixing frames, extreme styling products, cosmetics not intended for use on animals
- Assistance from outsiders, including verbal assistance, during the participant's work

## 9.2. Disqualification of Participants

A participant may be disqualified in the following cases:

- Injury to the dog during the competition, leading to immediate disqualification
- Cruel treatment of the animal. Any actions that may harm the animal, including rough handling, dislocations, sprains, cuts, and other injuries, are prohibited. Any inhumane treatment of the model.

*Important:* If the dog has scratches, cuts, or other skin defects before starting work, the groomer must inform the judge during the preliminary inspection. Otherwise, any damage discovered during the final inspection may be considered the participant's fault, resulting in a loss of points.

- Interference with other participants. Any deliberate actions that hinder the work of other competitors are prohibited.
- Disrespectful behavior. Insults, arguments with judges or organizers, or attempts to influence their decisions may lead to disqualification and removal from the competition area, as well as banning from participation in competitions for one year.
- Protests against the evaluation are not accepted. The judge's decision is final and undisputable. Once the results are announced, they cannot be changed.

The decision to disqualify a participant is made by the experts and is final.

# 10. Judges

10.1. The judge is the key person in the ring; everything is done only with their consent. The judge is present in the ring from the beginning to the end of the competition, observing the groomers' work.

10.2. The competition can be judged by one judge or a panel of judges.

10.3. All judges must strictly adhere to the rules of evaluation, be objective and fair in their assessments, treat all participants tactfully and respectfully, and give them equal attention.

10.4. Each judge will have their own list of prize winners. After the scores from all judges are summed up, the final list of winners is created. In case of a tie in the total score between participants, the judges will jointly choose the participant who will take the prize place.

10.5. After the competition, participants may receive a consultation, feedback, or advice from the judge on any questions they may have.

# 11. Registration and Organizational Matters

11.1. **Registration closes 7 days** before the start of the competition (**April 12, 2025**).

11.2. Upon registration, the participant must fill out the official registration form.

11.3. The participant must **familiarize themselves with and sign the rules and conditions** of participation in the competition and attach the signed document to the registration form.

11.4. **Participants should arrive 2 hours** before the competition begins, register upon arrival, and receive their **number**.

11.5. **Prepare the dog for the preliminary photoshoot**

11.6. **Proceed to their competition table for the model inspection by the judge**

11.7. After completing the work, the participant must **clean the workspace** and prepare the dog for the final presentation.

11.8. After the final inspection by the judge, the participant **undergoes a second photoshoot of the final result**.

# 12. Awards and Prizes

12.1. In each class of every category, there are 3 prize places. If there are fewer than 3 participants in the group, a "General" group is formed, where 3 prize places will be awarded. A Best in Show (BIS) will be selected based on the competition results, where the best groomer of the competition is chosen. The BIS winner is selected by the judges from the winners of each category (open and beginner classes).

12.2. The 1st place winners in the beginner class will participate in the selection of the best beginner groomer for BIS-beginner.

12.3. The 1st place winners in the open class will participate in the selection of the best professional groomer for BIS PRO.

12.4. In the team competition, "Best Team" will be determined by one winning team.

12.5. Winners receive diplomas, awards, and prizes from sponsors.

12.6. All participants receive encouragement prizes from sponsors and certificates of participation.

## 13. Special Conditions

**13.1.** The organizers reserve the right to modify the rules, notifying participants in advance.

**13.2.** The organizers reserve the right to combine categories if necessary after registration closes, just before the competition or on the day of the event. The decision to combine categories is made by the organizers and judges to ensure fair competition and maintain the competitive spirit.

**13.3.** Participant registration ends 7 days before the competition.

**13.4.** To apply for participation, the participant must send the registration form to the email address provided by the organizers.

**13.5.** The participant is personally responsible for the safety of their personal belongings during the competition, as well as for the model.

**13.6.** The participant is personally responsible for the safety of others and their own safety from attack and injury by the dog model.

**13.7.** The participant must comply with electrical, fire safety, and personal safety rules when working with electrical and cutting tools.

**13.8.** All participants are provided with trash bags for cleaning hair and debris. Disinfectants may be provided if necessary.

**13.9.** During the competition, outsiders are prohibited from entering the ring.

**13.10.** All photo and video recording is permitted only with the consent of the organizers and experts. The organizers and experts have the right to use all photo and video materials collected during the competition for their discretion, including for advertising purposes.

**13.11.** The participant must comply with all points of these rules.

**13.12.** Signing these rules indicates the participant's acknowledgment and agreement with all the points of these rules.

**13.13.** Photographs of the models may be taken by the experts before and after the competition.

**13.14.** Force Majeure. The organizers reserve the right to change the date, location, and format of the competition. In case of cancellation of the event, the participation fee will be refunded.

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The "**Dubai Groom 2025**" Championship  
is a unique opportunity for groomers to showcase  
their skills, exchange experiences, and contribute to  
the development of grooming in the UAE!