

RULES & REGULATIONS

MISSION

- To raise the standard, quality and creativity of pet grooming professional.
- To provide a platform for groomer to exchange view and learn from each other.
- To develop the pet grooming industry.

ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

- Contestant must be of aged 16 and above, regardless of gender, nationality, must possess pet grooming knowledge.
- Contestant must abide by the rules & regulations of the competition.

THE COMPETITION DOG REQUIREMENTS

Must be free of non-contagious disease and has had no contact with any other dogs having contagious disease for a period of six weeks prior to the competition.

- Appear healthy in good condition and free of infectious disease and parasites.
- Show no signs of aggression or viciousness.
- Be on a safety lead or safety loop when not in a crate.
- While on the grooming table the dog must be under control and may not be left unattended.
- Be properly crated and cared for, with food and water, when left in secure holding area.
- Must show no signs of obvious pregnancy or nursing.
- Must be a minimum of one (1) year and not older than ten (10) years of age.

PREPARATION REQUIREMENTS

- The competition dog must be prepped and ready for the Judges' inspection prior to check in procedures.
- The dog should be freshly shampooed and dried, brushed, combed and free of matts.
- Dogs with hand stripped coats must be clean.
- Ears should be clean, toenails clipped and the hair between the pads clipped, if applicable, according to breed standard.
- Sanitary trimming, the genital and stomach areas, should be pre-trimmed, if applicable, according to breed standard. All other trimming shall be done only after the contest starts, unless stated in the rules for an individual class.

CATEGORY

- **POODLE CLASS CATEGORY (JUNIOR)**
- Only pure –breed poodle is allowed in this category
- Open for groomers with less than 12 months grooming experience and not professional groomer.
- Contestants are free to present their poodle in any styles.
- Contestants are to use only manual scissors. Electric scissors will only be allowed to trim the neck and below the band.
- One 13 amp power point per contestant.
- Only non-colour poodle is allowed.

- **CREATIVE CATEGORY (OPEN)**

- All dog breeds are allowed in this category
- Open to professional and non professional groomer
- Contestants must produce graduation certificate for verification or certified by any pet shop / grooming school. Organiser reserves the right to disqualify a contestant upon his / her lack of require qualification.
- Contestants are free to present their dog in any style.
- Contestants are to use only manual scissors. Electric scissors will only be allowed to trim the neck and below the band
- Dogs should be colored or nail polish before competition begins.
- One 13 amp power point per contestant.

- **ALL BREED (SENIOR)**

- All dog breeds are allowed in this category.
- Open to groomer with more than 1 year experience.
- Contestants must produce graduation certificate for verification or certified by any pet shop / grooming school. Organiser reserves the right to disqualify a contestant upon his / her lack of require qualification.
- Contestants are free to present their dog in any style.
- Contestants are to use only manual scissors. Electric scissors will only be allowed to trim the neck and below the band.
- One 13 amp power point per contestant.

COAT LENGTH QUALIFICATIONS

The Competition Dog, including rotated coats on handstripped dogs, must have adequate coat, defined as being sufficient to allow the contestant to make a distinct change in the dog's overall appearance. Generally being 4 to 8 weeks of coat growth.

GROOMING TECHNIQUES

- All technique of grooming are permitted, including clipping, snap-on-combs, scissoring, thinning, handstripping, plucking and carding.
- Singeing of the coat is not permitted. Flame devices are not permitted in the competition ring, the prep area or the bathing and drying area. Tie up type head styles are allowed. The contestant must create the tie up during the competition time frame.
- All grooming techniques are permitted provided it is not harmful to the dog.
- Contestant can only use a variety of hand beauty tools, electric scissors will only be allowed to trim the neck and below the band.

GROOMING EQUIPMENT

- Contestants must bring their own equipment, including grooming table, grooming arm and safety loop, extension cords.
- Personal grooming tables and equipment must be removed from the ring after each competition.

PRODUCT FOR REGULAR CLASS

- Decorative objects, such as bows, bead and glitter are not permitted.
- Colouring, other than to enhance the coat colour of the dog is not permitted.
- Contestants can use Pet Esthe ‘Colour restoration System” colouring to enhance the original colour. But do not use bright colours, such as VIVID COLOUR.
- Sprays are allowed, for example on the tie up on a poodle, however, the judge will perform a technical evaluation of the sprayed area.
- Chalking products are allowed, however the judge will perform a technical evaluation of the chalked area and the chalk must not rub off on the judge’s hands.
- Only Pet Esthe products can be used during the competition.

PRODUCT FOR CREATIVE CLASS

- Coat colouring products, spray glitter, ribbons, rhinestones, or other finishing products are permitted. All products, decorations or props must be safe for animals and humans. Glues must be water-soluble.
- Hot glue guns are not permitted/ Costumes or ornaments must not, in anyway, hinder a dog’s ability to move, impair, his/her vision or inhibit free movement of his/her ears.
- Props and contestant costumes are allowed but due to space and time constraints, back drop will not be permitted.

CONTEST RING CONDUCT

- Contestants must conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times.
- Each contestants must adhere to the following:-
 - Safe and gentle handling of the dogs.
 - Professional language and attitude.
 - Appropriate grooming attire.
 - Safe and organized equipment and station
 - Appropriate clothing and shoes without any form of advertisement of brand and company.
 - Wearing only aprons provided by the organizers.

WARNINGS

Judges will give a warning for the following violations. A second warning will result in disqualification.

Professional warning for:

- Inappropriate attire
- Inappropriate language and attitude.

Technical warning for:

- Skin abrasions such as clipping burns, nicks or cuts.
- Dematting in a non-compassionate manner.
- Handstripping or plucking in a non-compassionate manner.

Handling warning for:

- Dog left unattended on the grooming table.
- Rough handling or improper movement of the dog.
- Safety loop adjusted too high.
- Lifting of dog by his/her tail.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

Strictly prohibited:

- Use of cell phones, radios and headsets.
- Smoking in the competition ring.
- Standing on the grooming tables.
- Standing on chairs to groom or style.
- Beverages NOT in spill proof containers.
- Coaching by anyone, at any time, during the competition.
- Visual or written grooming instructions.

CONTESTANT CHECK IN PROCEDURE

- Contestants must register at the Check In Station 2 hours before the competition starts.
- Contestants who have not checked in 30 minutes before the competition begins will be disqualified.
- After registration, the following will be verified: Contestant is in the correct category, if applicable; correct level, if applicable, correct breed for class, if applicable.
- Contestant will draw a lot of the positioning of their table.
- Contestant must produce their identity card, grooming certificate or other identification, to confirm their qualification.
- Contestant must inform the judges during check in procedure of special notation such as missing coat, hot spot etc.
- Contestant must put on the apron; 5 minutes before the competition begin and line up in front of the registration area.
- Once in position, contestant must put the dog on the grooming table and leash the dog. Do not touch the equipment until the bell ring for the competition to begin.

STATION SET UP

- Contestants location is determined by draw lot, can not be changed.
- Station set up time begins after check in procedure.
- Station set up time ends 15 minutes before competition starts.
- Equipment and electrical power to the contestant's table must be checked during this time.

COMPETITION END

- Contestants must stop all the grooming procedure except for combing.

- At the end of the competition, sprays or chinks may not be applied after the competition ends.
- Contestants must remove all hair equipment and products from the grooming table.
- A comb should be placed on the table in front of the dog for the judge to use during technical evaluation.
- Contestants should stack his/her dog to present to judge
- Contestant may comb their dogs before and after the judging panel has evaluated their dogs.

FEES

All fees must be paid on the spot before the competition starts. No refund will be entertained for contestants who are dismissed or disqualified for any reason.

JUDGING CONSIDERATIONS

The judging panel will evaluate the following:

- Originality and creativeness of the styling design.
- Degree of intricacy of the clipped and scissored design.
- Percentage of the styling design completed in the ring. Patterns can be preset, however, the degree of pattern application in the ring may affect the difficulty aspects in the overall judging.
- Overall technical finish.
- Brilliance and clarity of the coat colouring. Contestants may colour their dogs prior to entering the ring or use temporary spray colour during the competition. Any colouring substance used must be safe for animals and humans.
- Sharpness of the colour lines, if applicable, when more than one colour is used on the creative design.
- Blending of the colour lines, if applicable, when more than one colour is used on the creative design.
- Quality and quantity of decorative type applications on the dog.
- Name of the presentation, competition dogs, props, contestant's costume and table decorations are considered when judging the final presentation.

COMPETITION TIME FRAME

- All classes will be allowed 2 hours
- Creative class will be allowed an additional 10 minutes for prop set up, at completion of class.

AWARDS

Poodle Class (Junior)

- The judging panel will choose First, Second and Third placing
- 1st place – RM 1,000.00 cash + RM 600.00 worth of products + certificate.

Creative Class (Open)

- The judging panel will choose First, Second and Third placing.

- 2nd place – RM 500.00 cash + RM 400.00 worth of products + certificate.

All Breed (Senior)

- The judging panel will choose First, Second and Third placing.
- 3rd place – RM 3, 00.00 cash + RM 200.00 worth of products + certificate.

RULES & REGULATIONS INTERPRETATION

- Organizer reserves the right to change the rules & Regulations.
- Organizer has the final decision.

LANGUAGE DIFFERENT

If there is a different between the English and Chinese interpretation, the English version will be the final.