



CARE GROOMS RULES OF COMPETITION:

CREATIVE STYLING

- Grooming and styling competition utilizing creative sculpting, color application, character creation and design
- Groomers demonstrating quality grooming techniques
- Open to all contestants.

Acceptable Breeds: All pure breed and mixed breed dogs are permitted. NO live animals other than dogs and cats are permitted for use as props or contest entries.

Time Frame:

- Up to and including 17" = 2 hours 15 minutes
- Over 17" = 2 hours 30 minutes

10 additional minutes for contestant costuming and prop set up. No additional styling, products, costumes or applications may be applied to the dog.

Acceptable Coat Growth, Pattern and Color:

- **6 weeks of growth is suggested**
- Color may be applied prior to the competition
- Color may be applied during the competition Products, Decorative Objects, Color, etc.
- All products, decorative objects, coat coloring and applications must be safe for the dog and the stylist
- Costumes and ornament applications to the dog must not hinder the dog's ability to move, impair his/her ears, legs or tail
- Costumes and/or decorations must be easily removable for judge inspection
- Glues should be water-soluble
- Coloring products, chalks and dyes must be pet safe
- Lifting of dog's natural color is prohibited

- Use of duct tape, carpet tape or any other substance that pulls on the skin or hair to remove, is prohibited
- Large or heavy objects placed on the dog are prohibited

Competition Dog Preparation:

- Coats should be clean, dry and free of tangles
- Ears should be clean
- Toenails trimmed
- Sanitary area and pads may be trimmed
- Color may be pre applied

Judging Considerations:

Technical Finish:

- Precision and sharpness of the clipper lines
- Quality of scissor finish
- Overall decorative application
- Overall color application, depth of color, separation of color and blending

Profile:

- Design appearance
- Concept easily recognizable
- Intricacy, balance , Is there enough design, Is there too much design or Is there enough color and decoration or Is there too much color and decoration

Originality of design

- Original design
- Original concept for previously executed design
- Unique use of color, decorations or applications Difficulty:

- Degree of difficulty, of color application prior, too and during competition

Final Presentation:

- Not to exceed 6'x6' space provided
- Tables provided must be protected from glitter, glue, color, etc.
- Maximum of 2 assistants may enter the arena for prop set up during the 10 minutes following scissors down.
- Products, decorations, styling of any form may NOT take place at this time

Awards:

- Judging panel will choose first, second and third placements
- Contestants have a maximum of two minutes to present a skit, song, music, etc.,
- Up to three persons may assist in the presentation on stage and three off stage.
- The presentation may engage the audience.
- Music must be given to the staff prior to contest start and must be cued up to start. Lights cannot be dimmed during performance.
- Smoke, confetti, streamers or explosive items are strictly prohibited as they will set off alarms, or incur cleaning charges.