

CARE GROOMS

General Competition Rules CARE GROOMS 2017



There will be no tolerance for aggressive dogs. For the safety of everyone do not bring aggressive dogs. Dogs showing signs of aggression will be excused without refund.

OPEN: Open to ALL competitors. Open Division classes are governed by Groom Team Canada Rules. <http://groomteamcanada.ca/>

INTERMEDIATE: Restricted to competitors who have not won three first placements from the Intermediate division "in the class you are entering" at a Groom Team Sanctioned Show. ie Meaning that three first place intermediate poodle wins makes you move up to poodle open division but does not make you move up to Wire Coat open.

NOVICE: Restricted to competitors who have not won three first placements from the entry division "in the class you are entering". ie Meaning that three first place novice poodle wins makes you move up to poodle Intermediate division but does not make you move up to Wire Coat Intermediate division.

Recommended for groomers who wish to improve their grooming skills and utilize this grooming show to become better groomers and future intermediate and open groomers.

Certifiers and grooming instructors are not permitted to compete in the Novice Division.

Professional handlers are not eligible to compete in the Novice Division. A professional handler is defined as someone who makes a living showing dogs and does not include professional pet groomers who show occasionally.

Judging

All divisions are judged simultaneously. The placements (1st, 2nd, and 3rd) are awarded in each division.

Group Placements

The first place winners from the three divisions compete for group 1st. The 2nd place winner from the winning division will then compete with the remaining contestant for the group 2nd. The division which wins the group 2nd will then send forth the next winner to compete for the Group 3rd placement.

Best In Show

Best in Show will be chosen from all First Place winners of all Classes at CARE GROOMS, with the exception of Runway, which is a pre-groomed class.

Best All Around Groomer

Best All Around Groomer will be chosen from all 3 divisions as established by the placements. In order to be eligible for Best All Around Groomer award, the contestant "must enter a minimum of three classes".

Specialty classes are included, excluding Runway . Best All Around does not qualify for Groom Team Points.

1st place = 3 points + number of dogs defeated

2nd place= 2 points + number of dogs defeated

3rd place= 1 point + number of dogs defeated

1st tie breaker=highest number of placements

2nd tie breaker=highest number of entries defeated

If an exact tie still exists, the prize will be divided.

RULES 2017 SANCTIONED CLASSES

The majority of sanctioned Groom Team Canada shows are being held in the United States therefore CARE GROOMS will follow the same rules as USA shows with the exception of the allowable breeds and times which are listed on Groom Team Canada Page.

Acceptable coat growth for all sanctioned classes:

It is the responsibility of designated judges to determine adequate coat growth.

Acceptable Styling for all GT sanctioned classes:

-All styling must take place during the time frame of the competition except where noted below.

-All dogs must be groomed according to breed standard with the exception of Poodles as noted below.

- All dogs may have sanitary areas and pads shaved prior to class start.
- All dogs may have nails trimmed and ears cleaned prior to class start.
- Finishing sprays, are permissible in order to tidy up after competition time frame ends however, re-shaping with water or product application is prohibited.
- Chalk products are permissible prior to and during the competition time frame but are prohibited after time is called.
- Wire Coats** must be hand stripped. Clippers are only permissible as presented in the conformation show ring except in the Intermediate and Novice Division where clippers may be used
- Sporting Coats** must be carded and/or hand stripped. Clippers are only permissible as presented in the conformation show ring except in the Intermediate and Novice Division where clippers may be used.
- **Other Purebreds** must be styled as presented in the conformation show ring except in the Intermediate and Novice Division where clippers may be used.
- **Poodles** can be styled as presented in the conformation show ring or pet trims, provided they respect the breed profile as set forth by the standard.

POODLES:

Acceptable breeds: All sizes, natural colors of purebred Poodles

This class may be split into two separate classes as follows: 17" and under, Over 17"

11" and under – 1:30 (One hour & thirty minutes)

Over 11" up to and including 17" – 1:45 (one hour and forty-five minutes)

Over 17" up to and including 23" – 2:00 (Two hours)

Over 23" - 2:15 (Two hours and fifteen minutes).

Poodle Styling: All pet and show Poodle styles are acceptable provided they respect the breed profile of the Poodle.

- Feet must be shaved.

- Feet may be shaved prior to competition start time. NO extra time will be permitted if not completed prior to class start.

-Face must be shaved during competition time frame.

- Small mustache or goatee are permitted.

- Scissored face styles such as Bichon or scissored type faces are prohibited.

-Show topknots may be pre-banded, including hair extensions prior to the start of the class, spray up products are prohibited prior to the start of the class.

Sporting:

Acceptable breeds Open Division as determined by Groom Team Canada: Sporting Dogs must use

Styling: Open Division Sporting Dogs Must be groomed to breed profile as presented in the conformation show ring. Intermediate and Novice entries may use clippers.

Time frame: 2 hours

All Wire Coated Pure Breeds:

Acceptable breeds, Open Division as determined by Groom Team Canada: Open Division is Pure breeds with wire coat types that are hand stripped. Intermediate and Novice entries may use Clippers.

2017 PROCEDURES, POLICIES AND PROTOCOL

PRODUCT APPLICATIONS

Dogs should be clean, dry, and free of mats and tangles. Nails should be clipped and/or filed, Ears clean. Sanitary and pads may be clipped prior to competition.

- Decorative objects such as bows and scarves are not permitted with the exception of acceptable show ring applications such as those that are applied to the Maltese, Yorkie and Shih Tzu.
- Coloring, other than to enhance the natural coat color of the dog is prohibited .
- Hair extensions, provided they are of the same coat color of the dog, are permitted.

- Product such as sprays and styling gels may be applied prior to or during the competition time frame. Hair spray is limited to only “freshening up” once time is called. Re-shaping such as that done on a show Poodle headpiece may not be done once time is called.
- Chalk, such as terrier chalk may be applied prior to or during the competition time frame to aid in hand stripping or enhance the coat color. It is prohibited to apply after time is called.

CHECK IN PROCEDURES

- Contestants must pick up their registration packet at the show registration desk upon arrival to the show.
- The competition check in station opens 45 minutes prior to the contest start time.
- Contestant must bring their contest entry ticket, signed acceptance of the rules, competition dog and equipment to the contest check in station prior to entering the ring.
- Contestants will have the pre-contest photos taken and assigned a table or in some instances may have the pre-contest photos taken at their assigned table. See individual show addendum.
- The check in station closes 15 minutes prior to the competition start time.
- Contestants should arrive with their dog at check in station 30-45 minutes prior to competition start time.
- Contestants who have not checked in 15 minutes before contest start time will not be permitted to Compete.

COMPETITION DOG QUALIFICATION

- Dog must be of an age appropriate for competition. Although each dog is individual, the suggested appropriate age is between approximately 1 year and 10 years.
- Must appear healthy, in good condition and free of infectious disease and parasites.
- Must not show obvious signs of pregnancy or nursing.
- Must not show signs of viciousness or aggression.
- Must not be left unattended.

- Must be properly crated and cared for with food, water and exercise while on the show premises.
- Must be leashed when not crated or not being groomed.
- Must be in compliance with applicable regulations in reference to vaccinations for city, county, state and country hosting the competition.

PREJUDGING DOCUMENTATION AND ENTRY CONFIRMATION

- Confirm dog entered in the correct class
- Confirm sufficient coat growth and evaluate preparation
- Confirm time frame by size, breed or technique
- Confirm correct division
- Determine if pattern is pre-set
- Notation of specific information such as, but not limited to: ear infections, missing coat, moles, scars or healing injuries.

ASSISTANCE DURING THE COMPETITION

The contestant should notify the ring steward immediately if he/she needs assistance during the competition.

CONTEST BREAK "The Sally Break"

- A mandatory 15 minute break will take place during the competition. The time and length of the break will be announced at the beginning of each class.
- All contestants and dogs must proceed as a group to the designated break area or stay at their grooming table
- Water will be offered for both contestant and dog.
- Toilet/potty break opportunity available for both contestant and dogs.
- Assistants may be present to move dogs for groomer's inspection or hold them while the groomer uses washroom.
- Judges are available to hold or move dogs if no assistant is available.

- Any discussion with regard to dogs or grooming is prohibited and could be construed as coaching, which could possibly result in disqualification of offending contestants. Please instruct assistants not to speak about grooming.
- A member of the judging team will announce the time to return to the competition arena and the group will proceed together.
- No grooming or styling of any kind is permitted while on the break.
- An announcement will be made when grooming can resume and the group will resume grooming at the same time.
- The time of the break is not included in the posted grooming times, it is additional time.

COMPETITION END

- Contestants should remove hair, tools and equipment from grooming table.
- A comb should be placed on the table.
- Contestants may comb their dogs after scissors down, prior to and after judging.
- Contestants may use finishing sprays to freshen up their dogs after scissors down, prior to and after judging, but reshaping or styling with hair spray is prohibited.
- Contestants should stack and present their dog to the judges.

JUDGES WILL EVALUATE THE FOLLOWING:

- The overall uniformity of the trim.
- The overall balance, symmetry and style of the trim.
- For purebred dogs, the adherence to the acceptable breed profile and standard.
- For Freestyle classes, the ability of the groomer to create the best possible profile for the dog chosen according to his/her body type, coat and structure.
- For scissored dogs, the plush overall appearance without scissor marks and proper technique.
- For hand stripped and carded dogs, the smooth and natural appearance and proper technique.

- Clipper lines should be clean and free of irritation.
- Edges such as in the Cocker foot or Poodle foot should show neat and tidy bevels.
- The difficulty with regard to the amount of coat removed, whether pattern is created or followed, difficulty of the coat type, texture, quality and quantity and how the stylist achieves the ultimate trim.
- The difficulty with regard to correcting conformation faults and accentuating profile attributes.

POST CONTEST PHOTOS

Post contest photos will be taken after the technical evaluation has been completed. The contestant should take their number and dog to the photo station and then return to their table and await further instructions.

POLICIES

STRICTLY PROHIBITED IN THE CONTEST RING

- Use of phones, radios and headsets
- Standing on tables or chairs