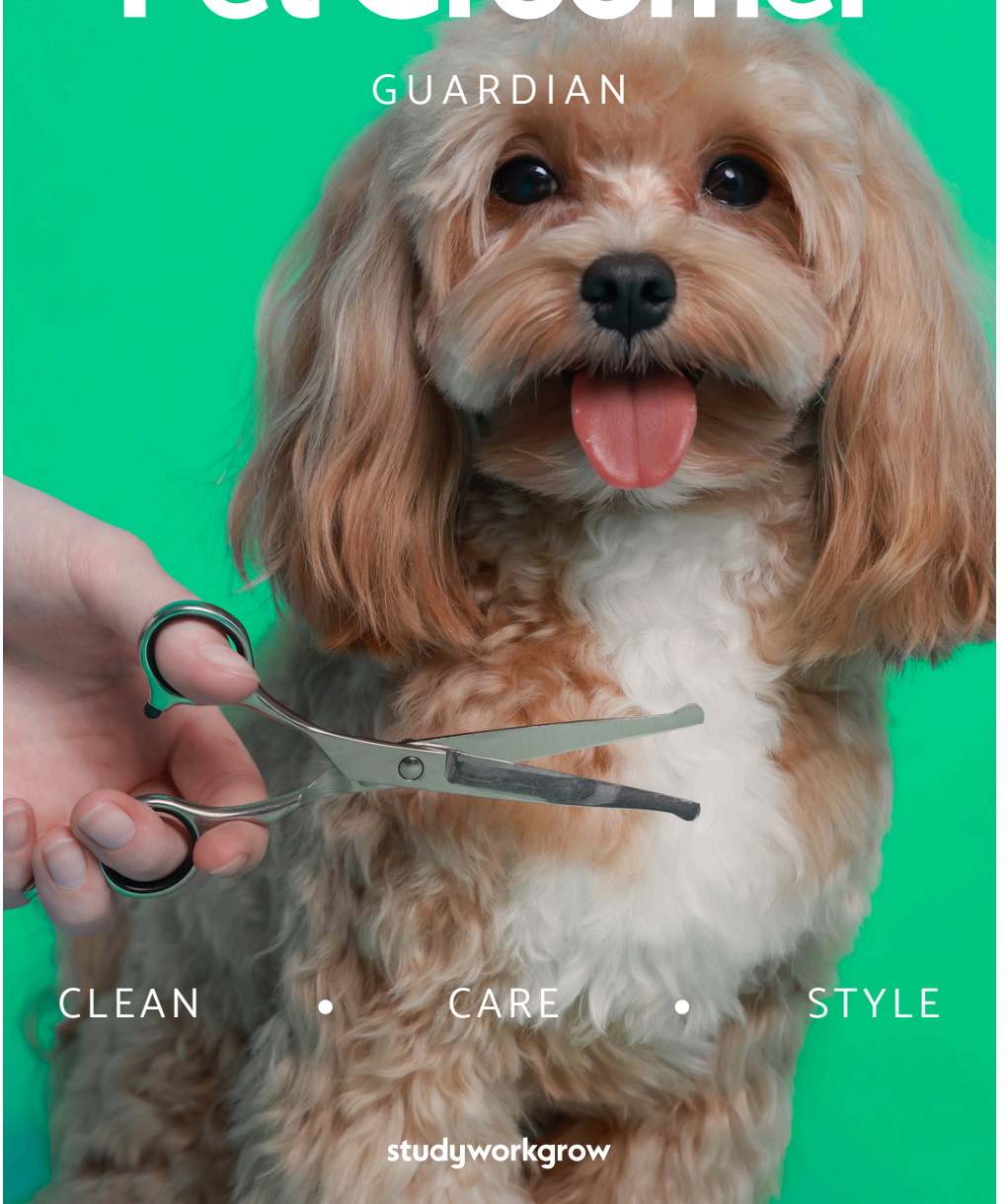


JOB SPOTLIGHT

Pet Groomer

GUARDIAN



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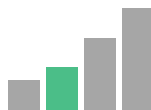
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Help our furry friends look fabulous

Pet groomers care for animals of all ages, shapes and sizes. Commonly working with dogs and cats, they're responsible for washing, clipping, grooming and styling their fur, as well as trimming their claws and cleaning other problem areas, helping them live comfortably and look fabulous.

If you're great with both human and animal customers and have a steady hand and lots of patience, this career could be ideal for you.

Growth



Moderate

Salary



Average

Field Size



Small

Hours



Average

Interest Area



Environment

Cluster



Guardian



About you

Excellent customer service
Strong attention to detail
Love of animals
Reasonable level of fitness
Patience and resilience
Good coordination
Confidence and reliability
Hygiene and safety-minded

Common tasks

- Bathe, shampoo & dry pets
- Brush, clip & style fur
- Trim nails & clean ears
- Check for signs of health problems
- Discuss grooming options with owners
- Provide product recommendations
- Maintain a clean & safe workspace
- Keep records for each pet

About the role

Most pet groomers work standard business hours, but you might start early or stay late to accommodate owners who need to bring their pets in before or after work. It's also common to work on weekends.

Pet groomers typically earn an average salary throughout their careers.

You can work in a variety of environments, including in veterinary clinics, specialist pet salons, from your own home, or through a mobile grooming service.

Pet groomers are typically most common in these industries:

- Other Services
- Retail Trade



Things you can do now

- 1 Focus on English and maths at school
- 2 Find work experience or volunteer in a relevant industry
- 3 Build skills through short courses and microcredentials
- 4 Research qualifications and pathways
- 5 Talk to a pet groomer to see what a day in their life is like

Future study ideas

Most aspiring pet groomers start with a grooming or animal care course at a vocational training provider – you may even have the opportunity to complete your course as part of an apprenticeship. You'll learn animal handling, breed-specific cuts, tool usage, and business basics.

You'll also need to develop your skills gradually, often starting with basic services like baths and nail trims before progressing to full grooming services. Building confidence with different breeds and temperaments takes time and practice.



What next?

If you're interested in animals or retail, there are lots of other job areas you might like to explore as well, such as:

- Conservation
- Biology
- Sales
- Forestry
- Marketing
- Vet Science
- Advertising
- Events

Volunteer at local animal shelters or rescue organisations to gain experience handling different animals and observing their behaviour.

Consider finding a part-time job or work experience at a grooming salon, veterinary clinic, or pet store.

Grooming is more than just aesthetics; it's about care and comfort.

ANONYMOUS



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