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A dog groomer is a person who specializes in dog breed hygiene and appearance. Dog groomers must know how to clean, maintain, and style over 450 different breed's coat types, ranging from short-haired breeds, such as Labrador Retrievers, to extravagant curly coated breeds such as Poodles.

A dog groomer's job duties consist of a long list of responsibilities that include:

- Bathing and drying dogs
- Brushing and combing dogs
- Clipping and trimming dogs
- Styling the coats of various breeds of dogs
- Cleaning the teeth and ears of dogs
- Trimming the nails of dogs

The majority of dog groomers are self-learners, learning their skill from practice and trial and error. Others may attend a dog grooming school, which is recommended for those whose dog experience is limited. Knowledge of basic dog communication skills is necessary to keep groomers safe and avoid bites from fearful, stressed, or aggressive dogs.

A grooming career has the potential of providing a comfortable income and flexible working hours. Groomers must be willing to invest time to build up their clientele. Many groomers work out of their own home and set their own hours. Others offer mobile-grooming services, bringing their services to their clients' homes. Many pet stores, animal hospitals, and boarding kennels offer grooming services also. The majority of clients for groomers are companion dog owners and show dog owners.