

WHAT IS IPG?

The International Professional Groomers, Inc is an International organization which:

- **Provides International industry standards for the professional pet groomer** based upon the countries breed standards of perfection. Tests are currently available for the US, Australia and Canada with translations in French and Spanish.
- **Provides advanced continuing education** programs designed to enhance the technical expertise and business acumen of professional pet groomers.
- **Provides a Code of Ethics** to be followed by all members and certified groomers, suitable for framing.
- **Provides an examination program** whereby the grooming expertise of professional pet groomers may be demonstrated and certified. These tests are based upon the breed standards found in the American Kennel Club's The Complete Dog Book, 20th edition (or your country's governing Kennel Club standards) and the IPG's Certification Guidelines.
- **Certifies pet groomers in five phases**, culminating in the International Certified Master Groomer (ICMG)

HOW DO I JOIN IPG?

- IPG, Inc membership is open to all persons interested in the Pet Grooming Industry. Initial membership is \$90.00, then \$60.00 per year renewal.
- Complete the membership application enclosed in this brochure. Enclose your payment and mail to the IPG Treasurer.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

IPG Certification Program Booklet
Becoming an IPG Certifier
Hosting an IPG Workshop/Certification
The IPG Certification Guidelines

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SALON DETAILS



International Professional Groomers, Inc.

Introducing a new test designed to evaluate the basic skills, techniques and knowledge of groomers, bathers, or salon owners and managers. It involves a practical test of bathing, drying and brushing a dog and a 100-question written examination.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO TAKE THE SALON DETAILS CERTIFICATION TESTS?

- Any groomer or bather with at least 6 months' experience may apply to take the Salon Details Test.
- Only one IPG Certifier is required for this test.
- Applicants must be IPG members or may join at the time of taking examinations.

IPG EXAMINATIONS

- There are five practical skills exams in each of the four phases, which are Salon Details, Non-Sporting, Terrier (short and long leg), and Sporting breeds, which demonstrate grooming skills.
- Written examinations are administered in each of the four phases, which are Salon Details, Non-Sporting, Terrier, and Sporting breeds. All questions will be from the [AKC Complete Dog Book, 20th Edition](#) and the [IPG Certification Guidelines](#). You will be allowed one hour for each test. These tests may be taken in any order and need not be taken at the same time you take the practical skills test.
- In order to certify practical grooming skills, IPG, Inc has established an

“International Model of Pet Grooming Distinction”.

- Upon completion of all the written and practical skills tests with a score of 86% or better, the applicant is eligible to take the Master's Examination.

SALON DETAILS PRACTICAL

Applicant will demonstrate bathing, drying, and brush-out skills on any coated breed. You will be asked to demonstrate the use of a forced Hi Power dryer, fluff dryer, various brushes and combs, nail clippers, etc.

Coat must be a minimum of two inches. Dogs 16 inches and under have one hour. Over 16 inches have two hours.

- Applicant may take the Salon Details Practical with one of the dogs to be used in another phase of Certification or any other dog with at least two inches of coat.
- Practical Exam should demonstrate skills in:
 - Bath, shampoo, temperature of water
 - Rinse (Conditioner Used if needed)
 - Use and knowledge of dryers
 - Nail Clipper and Nail Grinder
 - Pads (Scissor or Clipped)
 - Ears Clean (Use of Ear Powder)
 - Type of Brushes Used and Technique

- Combing Out Technique
- De-matting Technique
- Table/ Arm/ Noose Technique
- Over All Appearance of Dog
- Over All Use of Equipment
- Handling of Dog

SALON DETAILS WRITTEN

- Written Questions include Bathing and Drying, Dog Behavior, Skin and Hair, Ears, Eyes and Nose, Nails, Mouth and Teeth, Health and First Aid and Groomer Safety and Disease. There will questions on equipment, anatomy, terminology, safety and sanitation.
- Study materials for the IPG Salon Details test may be found in the [new IPG Certification Guidelines and The AKC Complete Dog Book, 20th Edition](#). All products are available through IPG.

SALON DETAILS CERTIFICATION

Upon successfully completing and passing the “Practical Skills Tests” and “Written” examinations for Salon Details, with a passing grade of “C” or higher (70%), you will be issued an IPG Certificate for Salon Details, stating that you have met the *International Model of Pet Grooming Distinction*.