

Course Objectives – by the end of this unit, students will be able to...

- List the supplies needed for proper grooming of a small, long-haired dog
- Describe how to prepare your grooming area, and what location works best for this purpose.
- State the ideal temperature for a dog's bath.
- Determine how one would know if the water is too hot or cold.
- List precautions that need to be taken before immersing the dog.
- State how to prevent unnecessary apprehension in your dog before and during a bath
- State action is necessary to ensure that all of the water spray reaches a dog's underside
- Describe how to immobilize the dog in the bath.
- Describe how to properly apply a shampoo before lathering.
- State the outcome of not properly rinsing a dog's fur after shampooing.
- Compare and contrast the benefits of using a conditioner and describe how to do this.
- Describe what portion of a dog's face should get special attention.
- State what to do if a dog's hair is severely matted.
- Describe what should be done with any hair that grows into a dog's eyes or is obscuring its vision.
- Outline how to properly care for a dog's ears while grooming.
- List three conditions that can be found during ear-cleaning that require an appointment with a vet.
- Determine how to properly clip a dog's nails.