



## #StayHome Grooming Contest Summer Edition 2025 Regulations

This Stay home grooming contest is primarily intended to bring a smile to your face, so for fun! In addition, it is of course nice to show the skills you have as a groomer and to still be able to participate in a competition during the summer holiday. Any groomer from Europe can participate in this competition. The rules below are a guideline to enable assessment. Don't let them be a limitation for expressing your passion and creativity.

### 1 Registration

To participate in the competition, a ticket must be purchased per registration via the website of Groom Team the Netherlands, [www.groomteam.nl/winkel](http://www.groomteam.nl/winkel). Ticket sales will stop after 31 juli, 23.59 CEST or when the maximum number of participants in the relevant category has been reached.

From august 1, 2025, the results (before and after photos / videos) may be posted on the Facebook group(s) intended for the class.

Place all photos and videos per dog in 1 message (preferably in an album, at least not in a collage). All photos and videos must be able to be opened separately.

Write in your message:

- Your first and last name.
- In which category the dog belongs.
- Your nationality and / or the country where you live (one of them must be European to participate).
- The #3-digit number that you will find on the invoice when you purchase your ticket under "bestelling".

Registration closes after 31 juli 2025, 23.59 CEST. Only registrations placed in the correct Fb group, will be assessed before September 5, 2025.

If you are unsure in which class or category your entry belongs, send a message to Groom Team the Netherlands.

### 2 The photo's

As is known, this competition will be judged on the basis of photos and videos of the work delivered. Below the requirements that are set for the photos and videos:

#### 2a. Preview

The dog is fully prepared and ready to be groomed (as in a regular competition, see 3b and 3c.)

1. Video of the dog around and on top, with close-up of the front and side view of the head. While filming, walk slowly around the dog, so the judges can properly view the dog, coat and the amount of work.

#### 2b. Photos and video of result

1. Front (front view) with head
2. Head study (close up of head) straight from the front
3. Entire profile (side view) left with head from the side
4. Entire profile (side view) right with head from the side
5. Rear view of the dog
6. Top view
7. A detailed photo (close up) somewhere of your choice on the dog.
8. Video of the groomed dog around and on top. While filming, walk slowly around the dog, so the judges can properly view the profile, symmetry, balance and overall finish.

In addition, you may also send photos and / or videos of the process, taken during grooming.

### 2c. General conditions for photos and videos

- The photos submitted may not be edited with photoshop or similar
- The table on which the dog is standing is clean, free of material and with the after photos preferably provided with a presentation cloth. The background must stand out against the dog (so no black dog against a dark background).
- The groomed dog is photographed and filmed in (show) position, with or without someone stacking the dog.
- The photos and videos are submitted as an attachment (preferably as an album, not as a collage).

N.B. on the FB group [#StayHome Grooming Contest Summer Edition 2025](#) examples will be posted of how the mandatory photos and videos should be made.

### 3 Class & category

You determine in advance in which class (s) and category (ies) you will participate. At the ticket sales on [www.groomteam.nl/winkel](http://www.groomteam.nl/winkel) the options are mentioned. If you have any questions about this, send Groom Team the Netherlands a message. You hand in the before and after photos and videos in the correct Facebook group.

#### 3a. Classes

There are 4 level classes in which you can subscribe:

- Beginner class - the participant has been working as a groomer for a maximum of 3 years **and** the participant has not previously participated in an (online) grooming competition. In this class you can participate with dogs from the 4 main categories (see 3b). These categories are not judged separately.
- Intermediate class - the participant has been working as a groomer for more than 3 years **or** the participant has previously participated in an (online) grooming competition. The participant has participated in a maximum of 5 (online) competitions. In this class you can participate with dogs from the 4 main categories (see 3b). These categories are not judged separately. If you have already obtained a 1st place in the intermediate class, you will participate in the open class.
- Open class - everyone is free to enroll in the open class. However, if you have already achieved a 1st place in the open class in the category of registration, you will participate in the champion class.
- Champion class - the competitor has already obtained a 1st place in the open class in the category of entry or is specialized in the race with which he is participating.

When participating in multiple categories, it is allowed to register in a different class per category.

#### 3b. Category, coat requirements, preparation and work requirements

To give you an extra chance to participate, the minimum coat growth is 6 weeks only. In most competitions a minimum coat growth of 8 weeks is required.

Main categories:	Coat requirements	Preparation and work requirements
Poodles	Participation only with poodles scissored in an original clip. At least 6 weeks of coat length difference is shown in before and after photos/videos	The dog is bathed and the coat well stretched. The feet, muzzle and tailset may be clipped beforehand.
Pure breeds scissoring	Participation with all scissoring breeds that are scissored according to the standard and are not a poodle. At least 6 weeks of coat length difference is shown in before and after photos/videos	The dog is bathed and the coat stretched as best as possible. Where the breed standard requires, curls are brought back into the coat after scissoring.

Handstripping	Participation with all wire-haired breeds. The coat must be ready for plucking or the dog is in a rolling coat. If in a rolling coat, at least 6 weeks of coat length difference is shown in before and after photos/videos.	The dog is as clean as possible and well combed. It is not mandatory to wash the dog in advance. Use of the clippers is only allowed with: Scottish Terrier (chest, head, ears), West Highland White Terrier (chest and ears), Schnauzer (chest, head, ears, back of hind legs).
Spaniels and Setters	Participation with all spaniels and setters. Parts that can be handstripped should be handstripped. At least 6 weeks of coat length difference is shown in before and after photos/videos.	The dog has been bathed and the coat has been blow-dried as straight as possible. Clippers are only allowed on cockers and setters (chest and ears).
<b>Other categories</b>	<b>Coat requirements</b>	<b>Preparation and work requirements</b>
Free style (salon) class All level classes together	Participation with: - purebred dogs that are not trimmed according to breed standard, such as: Shih Tzu, Maltese, freestyle Poodle - breedless dogs and all dogs that cannot be divided into one of the main categories. At least 6 weeks of coat length difference is shown in before and after photos/videos.	The dog is prepared appropriately for the coat type: bathed, curly hair is stretched as much as possible.
Model Dog Free style	Participation with a self-purchased model dog - In free style, the model dog is groomed as chosen purebred or breedless dog.	The model dog is brushed.  - Free style, natural colors may be applied.
Model Dog Creative style	Participation with a self-purchased model dog - In creative style, creative figures are applied in the model dog.	The model dog is brushed.  - Creative style, all possible colors and materials can be applied.

### 3c. General preparation

In addition to the requirement per category, the following preparatory work has been carried out to take the preview video:

Coat around genitals and anus is short (cut or clipped).

Coat of belly and groin is short (cut or clipped).

Body care is performed:

- eyes, ears, teeth, genitals and anus are clean
- nails are cut or filed (or short of themselves)

#### **4 Review**

Entries will be judged on the following points:

##### **In de 4 main categories:**

- Is the dog groomed to the breed standard?

##### **In all categories:**

- Do the chosen style and model suit the dog?
- Difficulty of the selected model.
- Contemporary styles and models have been taken into account.
- Strengths of the dog are emphasized and imperfections are camouflaged.
- The model is balanced, symmetrical and, matching the coat type, tightly finished.
- Presentation of the dog and the work.

#### **5. Judging**

The judging will take place between September 1<sup>st</sup> and 5th, by a panel of leading groomers from Europe.