

## Rules and Class Definition

1. Five competing classes - Purebred Scissoring, Spaniel & Setter, Handstripping, Poodle, Workshop.
2. Dogs must have a minimum of 8 weeks hair growth. Any evident line must not appear.
3. Poodles must have a minimum of 5 cm hair growth. Any evident line should not appear. The hair on the muzzle and feet can be shorter. Any clipping must be done during the competition.
4. Dogs hair must be long enough to allow the groomer to make changes to it's physical appearance.
5. Dogs must be freshly bathed and dried and have no tangles in their hair. Ears must be cleaned and nails clipped before the competition.
6. Dogs underbelly, genitals and hind quarters may be previously cleaned for reasons of hygiene according to breed standard.
7. All grooming techniques (scissoring, clipping, handstripping and thinning) are allowed.
8. For poodles, all commercial and exhibition trims and modern puppy are allowed. The judge must be notified of the type of trim to be performed before the competition starts.
9. All competitors must be in the ring 30 minutes before the start of the competition.
10. Example Breeds:



**PUREBRED SCISSORING** - Bichon, Kerry Blue Terrier, Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier, Russian Black Terrier, Bedlington Terrier, Bouvier.

**SPANIEL & SETTER** - All Setters, American Cocker Spaniel, English Cocker Spaniel, English Springer Spaniel.

**HANDSTRIPPING** - Fox Terrier, Lakeland Terrier, Scottish Terrier, West Highland White Terrier, Sealyham Terrier, Welsh Terrier, Schnauzer

**POODLE** - Standard, Miniature and Toy.

**WORKSHOP** - Any breed without a trimming breed standard - Cross Breeds, Lhasa Apso, ShihTzu, Clipped Terriers, Clipped Schnauzers, Old English, Tibetan terrier.

11. Timing:
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| <b>PUREBRED SCISSORING</b> -  | Bichon and Bedlington 2 Hours<br>Other breeds 2 Hours 30 Minutes       |
| <b>SPANIEL &amp; SETTER</b> - | Spaniels 2 Hours<br>Setters 2 Hours 30 Minutes                         |
| <b>HANDSTRIPPING</b> -        | Breeds needing clipper work 2 Hours<br>Other breeds 2 Hours 30 Minutes |
| <b>POODLES</b> -              | Toys and Miniatures 2 Hours<br>Standards 2 Hours 30 Minutes            |
| <b>WORKSHOP</b> -             | Dogs under 15" 2 Hours<br>Dogs over 15" 2 Hours 30 Minutes             |



12. Beginners should have less than 2 years experience and can compete with any breed of dog.
13. All groomers are responsible for their dogs care and well being during their time at the venue.
14. Please clean up after your dog.
15. Judges and organisers reserve the right to re-classify or disqualify any dog in the wrong class.

**Quality dogs can be provided for overseas competitors but these must be booked by 31st May 2009. Costs vary depending on breed. Please contact Groom Team direct.**