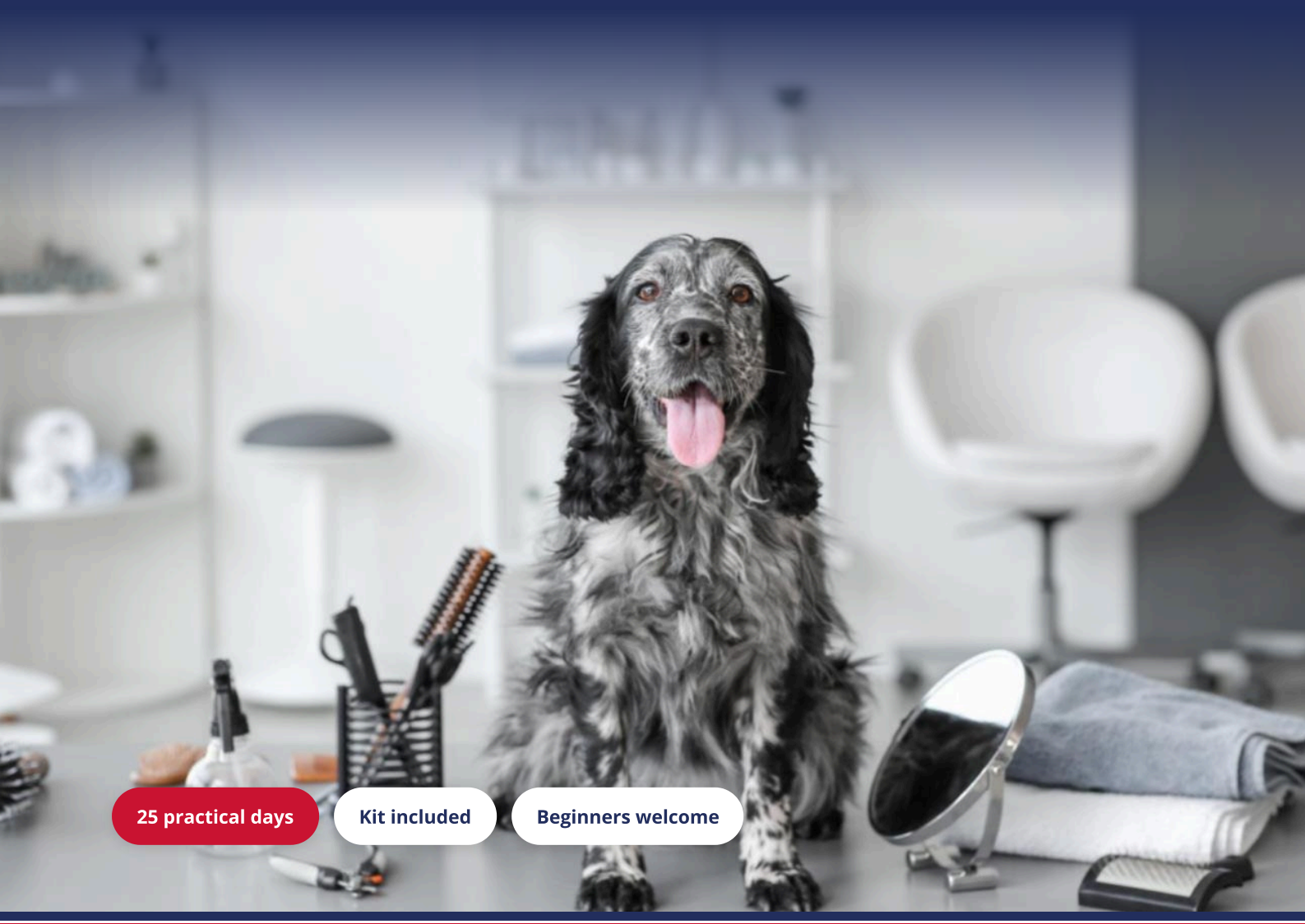
British School of Grooming

COURSE GUIDE
BOLTON · NORTH WEST

Turn your love of dogs into a *career.*

AIM Level 3 Diploma in Dog Grooming. An Ofqual-regulated qualification, taught hands-on in our Bolton salon. No experience needed.



25 practical days

Kit included

Beginners welcome

WELCOME

A family-run school with *high standards*

We're a family-run grooming school in Bolton, and an accredited AIM Qualifications centre regulated by Ofqual. Most of what you learn here, you learn with a real dog on the table in front of you.

01 **Hands-on from day one**
Our Elite Model Club gives you a big variety of breeds and coat types to work on.

02 **Training that fits your life**
We plan your 25 practical days around your work and home life.

03 **Theory whenever you want it**
24/7 online learning with lifetime access to course materials, including audio.

04 **Support that doesn't stop**
Our tutors give you personal support on the course and are still on hand when you've finished.



Giving back. We groom rescue dogs for local charity Saving Strays Animal Rescue, free of charge, in our own facilities.

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OUR MOST POPULAR COURSE

AIM Level 3 Diploma in *Dog Grooming*

Qualification number **610/2633/5** · Nationally recognised · Regulated by Ofqual

COURSE FEE

£3,500

VAT not applicable · kit included

25 practical days

Spread them out to suit you. You don't have to attend in one block.

No experience needed

No previous qualifications or experience required. It's designed with beginners in mind.

Kit included

Tunic and towel provided, plus all dogs and equipment. Bring your own scissors.*

Blended learning

Mostly practical, with daily demonstrations. The theory is online 24/7.

Bolton training salon

Modern, calm salon with good transport links and free parking.

Room to grow

Go on to higher animal care qualifications, including Level 4 Dog Grooming.



WHERE IT CAN TAKE YOU

Many of our students start grooming professionally before they finish the course.

- **Run your own business** from home or a salon
- **Go mobile** and take the salon to your clients
- **Work in a salon** as a qualified groomer
- **Rent a table** with an established groomer

*You'll need straight, curved and thinning scissors. We can advise what to buy and offer a student discount.

COURSE CONTENT

What you'll learn

Nine units of theory and practice cover everything from the first bath to the final finish, and how to look after every dog in your care.



01 **Canine first aid**

Assessing a scene safely, CPR and the recovery position, bandaging, first aid kits and common emergencies.

02 **Maintenance & coat preparation**

Bathing and drying for every coat type, ear cleaning and nail trimming, and using and caring for salon equipment.

03 **Styling & finishing**

A range of styles across breeds and coat types, and which tool to use for each job, and why.

04 **Consultations & groom planning**

Assessing each dog, agreeing a groom plan with the owner, and recording it before and during the groom.

05 **Customer relations**

Talking clearly with owners and managing expectations, so every client gets great service.

06 **Handling, restraint & moving dogs**

Safe handling with welfare first, maintaining equipment, and reading dog behaviour.

07 **Health & safety in the salon**

Risk and COSHH assessments, and the regulations that protect you, your clients and their dogs.

08 **Dog health & wellbeing**

Care, nutrition, exercise and hygiene. Spotting signs of poor health and knowing when to refer to a vet.

09 **Grooming legislation**

Animal welfare, health and safety, hygiene rules, and your legal responsibilities as a groomer.

How you're assessed: you build up practical competence on real dogs in our working salon. Your tutors set your pace, so you're fully prepared before your assessments.

INCLUDED AT NO EXTRA COST

We don't just teach grooming. We help you *build a business.*



FREE FOR LEVEL 3 STUDENTS

Marketing & Business Management seminars

Two practical 2-hour seminars led by Hayley Egan, our Sales & Marketing Director:

- Building your brand identity
- Setting up your Google Business Profile
- Advertising that brings in clients
- Pricing, insurance and basic accounts



COMPLIMENTARY BONUS

Emmi-Pet teeth cleaning training

Learn to give gentle dental care with the Emmi-Pet ultrasonic toothbrush. There's no scrubbing, no noise and no anaesthetic.

- Ultrasonic cleaning technique
- Assessing pets' oral health
- Benefits of routine dental care
- Working with anxious pets

It's optional and isn't part of the qualification. It gives your business an in-demand extra service.

OUR FACILITIES

A calm, purpose-built training salon

- Height-adjustable stainless steel baths
- Adjustable tables with H-bar and restraints
- Fully equipped kitchen
- High-velocity dryers
- Dedicated, quiet practice area
- Clean, accessible toilets

OTHER WAYS TO TRAIN

Find the right *starting point*

Want to try grooming first, or already grooming without a qualification? We have a route for you.



Introduction to Dog Grooming

10 days **£1,199 · VAT n/a**

Perfect for beginners

A practical first step into grooming that builds your skills and confidence.

- Bathing and drying techniques
- Basic clipping and scissoring
- Nail clipping and dog handling
- Lifting and control methods
- Breed recognition and coat types
- Dog anatomy and basic healthcare
- Caring for grooming equipment

Optional bonus sessions on business management and marketing are included. This course doesn't lead to a regulated qualification.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

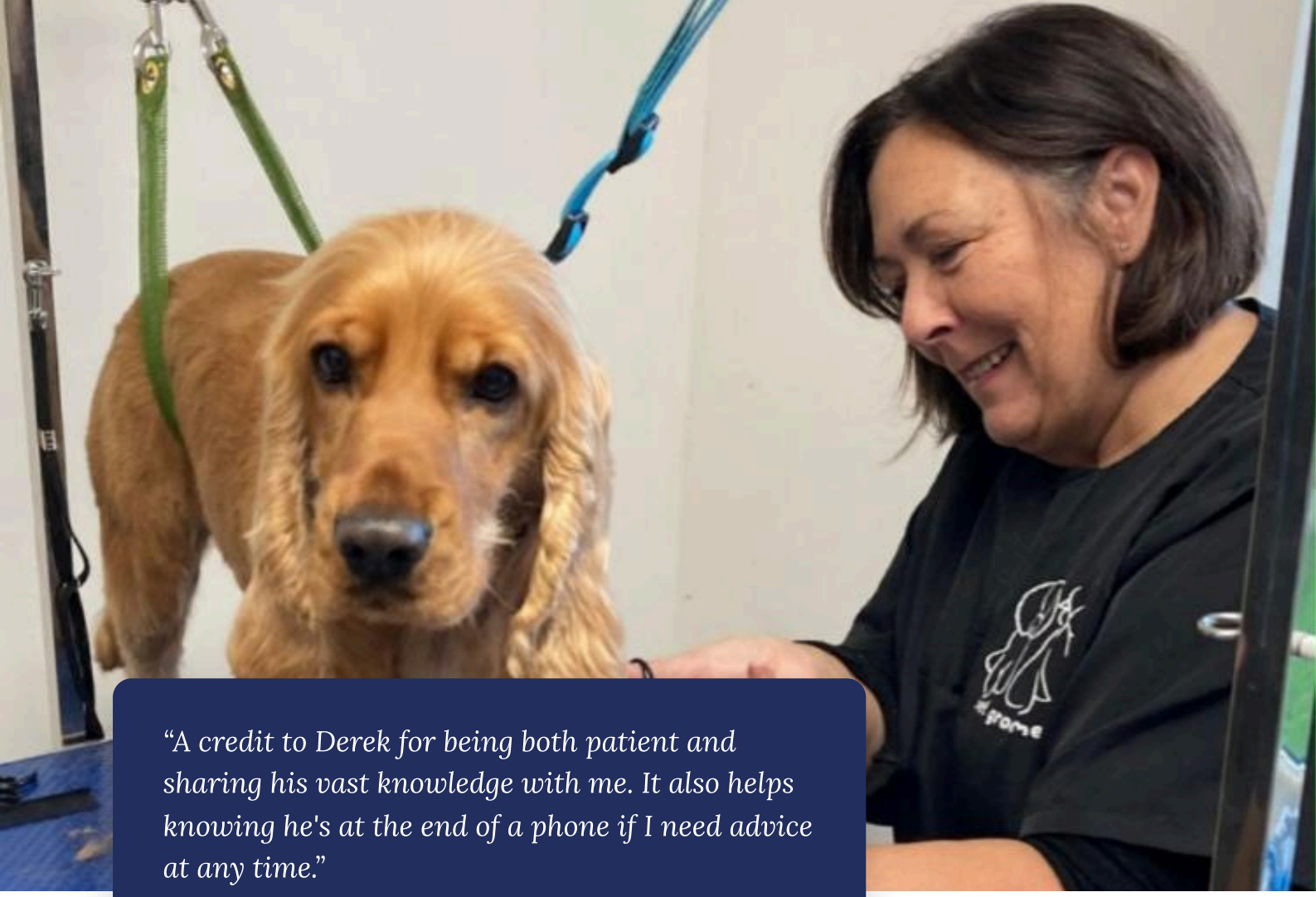
For experienced groomers

Already grooming but don't have a formal qualification? Our RPL policy assesses the knowledge and skills you already have, so you don't repeat training you don't need.

- Your existing experience is recognised
- Train only where you have gaps
- Work towards a nationally recognised qualification

Get in touch to talk through your experience and the next steps.

	Introduction	AIM Level 3 Diploma
Practical days	10	25, arranged flexibly
Course fee	£1,199	£3,500
Ofqual-regulated qualification	No	Yes
Business & marketing sessions	Optional bonus	Free seminars



"A credit to Derek for being both patient and sharing his vast knowledge with me. It also helps knowing he's at the end of a phone if I need advice at any time."

MICHELLE LUSK · FORMER STUDENT

"The course was really flexible around my hectic lifestyle. From day one it was full-blown hands-on experience. All my expectations were met and then some."

Michelle
Fur Coats and Clippers, Mobile Dog Grooming

"A friendly environment, very welcoming and supportive tutoring. Our confidence grows every day because we practise on different breeds."

Paula
Pawla's Parlour

"The practical sessions were amazing, and we always have a huge variety of dogs to groom. It's never too late for a career change!"

Charlotte
Pet Premium

" Our students come from all walks of life. Some come from **senior management**, some from **27 years in marketing**, and some from **volunteering at a rescue**. Many now run their own grooming businesses. Read more on our website's **Testimonials** page.

BOOK YOUR PLACE

Ready to take the *first step?*

Places are limited and often book up, so get in touch early. We're always happy to talk it through first.

1

Get in touch

Call or email us for an informal chat about your goals and experience.

2

Plan your dates

We'll fit your practical days around your work and home life.

3

Start grooming

Get your kit, meet your tutors and work with your first dogs.

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