



## **Groomer Mentorship Program**

**Under One Woof, a full-service grooming salon in Alameda, California, is launching a Groomer Mentorship Program designed to help aspiring groomers learn basic techniques or improve their existing skills.**

### **About Under One Woof**

Under One Woof has been providing grooming services to clients in Alameda and the surrounding communities since it was founded by Master Groomer Seiji Morikawa in 2003. Under One Woof specializes in advanced scissoring techniques popular in Japan which emphasize the rounded, sculpted look that is growing in popularity throughout the U.S. and Asia. Under One Woof grooms on average 200 dogs and cats of all breeds and sizes per week and has been repeatedly named among the top grooming facilities in the San Francisco Bay Area.

### **About the Groomer Mentorship Program**

The Groomer Mentorship Program is a three-month training curriculum designed for both beginners and more experienced groomers seeking to sharpen their skills. All groomers will be taught personally by Master Groomer Seiji Morikawa and coached by three other Japanese-trained groomers. No more than two groomers will be admitted to the program at any one time to insure maximum personal attention. Groomers will be expected to participate in the program full time from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm Tuesday through Saturday.

Each day will consist of a review of the textbook, followed by training in bathing techniques and instruction in grooming. The curriculum is specifically tailored to the needs of each student, based on an assessment of their skills established through an interview and demonstration of their grooming:

- Prospective groomers with no experience will receive training in basic bathing techniques, simple clipper and scissor-cutting on bather dogs. As they progress, they will be taught grooming techniques for simple breeds. Students making good progress will move on to more difficult breeds.
- Prospective groomers with some experience will receive additional training in the bathing area, followed by supervised, hands-on experience in grooming a variety of breeds, starting with the easiest and moving on to the more difficult.

The cost of the three-month mentorship is \$2500 to be paid in non-refundable installments at the beginning of each month. Groomers will be expected to provide their own equipment, which generally costs approximately \$650. Students without equipment will be assisted in selecting the right tools. Students who demonstrate sufficient skill level the end of the mentorship will be eligible for employment at Under One Woof.

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