



Job Location

St. Augustine Humane Society
1665 Old Moultrie Road
St. Augustine, FL 32084

Apprentice Pet Groomer

The beautifully renovated Society Pet Spa is a complete pet grooming salon providing everything from basic baths to hydrotherapy and pawdicures. While working at the Pet Spa, you will receive training from our Director of Spa Services, Jeannie McLain, and from Master Groomer, Danna Wood. As an entry-level groomer, you will start out as a bather, and eventually advance to more complex tasks. Both of these professionals have trained a number of apprentice groomers and are excellent instructors. While you're developing your skills during the first year of employment, you will be paid an hourly wage. However, upon mastery of all the groomer requirements, you'll have the opportunity to transition to a commission based salary. Experienced, talented and hard-working groomers can make over \$50,000 a year in commissions and tips. This position will afford you the opportunity to define a clear career path for continued growth and learning. The employment outlook for pet groomers is excellent, as the pet industry continues to grow.

Groomer Characteristics:

- Compassion: Dogs and cats often get stressed out in unfamiliar situations, and groomers need to understand this and treat them accordingly.
- Customer-Service: Groomers work with customers directly, and must be friendly and listen to their requests and needs.
- Attention to Detail: Groomers must pay attention to what they are doing, so that the animals stay safe and the grooming comes out looking great.
- Stamina: Groomers are on their feet for long periods of time, sometimes hunched over animals during the grooming process.

Groomer Duties

- Bathes and grooms multiple dogs with varied temperaments.
- Clips or hand scissors to match breed standards and owners' wishes.
- Provides full-service grooming, which includes baths, blow outs, haircuts, ear clean & pluck, anal gland expression, nail trim, and more.
- Lifts animals in and out of the tub. Must be able to lift 40 lbs.
- Disinfects stations and cleans entire spa and kennel area at day's close.
- Answers phone and schedules appointments.
- Checks in pets and communicates effectively with pet owner.
- Collects payment and makes sure client is happy with services.
- Maintains customers' records
- Performs inventory of supplies



Our groomer, Danna, is getting a little help from Kava.

Starter Pet Grooming Kit Equipment

The list below details the materials needed to train as a pet groomer. We will select the proper tools for you. This set of tools is a good starter set. It is your responsibility to maintain your tools and replace or repair them as needed. The starter kit belongs to the Work Starter Program, and they will determine whether or not it will remain in your possession after your year of apprenticeship with St. Augustine Humane Society. Throughout your career you will experiment with equipment and discover what is best for you.

- Two Speed Clipper: \$150
- Mini Trimmer (Peanut): \$35
- Cordless Dremmel: \$30

- Notes from the Grooming Table by Melissa Verplank: \$75
- Set of Blades - (1) 4f Blade, (1) 5f Blade, (1) 7f Blade, (1) 10 Blade, (1) 15 Blade, (1) 30 Blade, (1) 40 Blade: \$150
- Set of Clipper Combs: \$46
- One Greyhound comb: \$10
- 1 1/2 oz. Styptic Powder: \$11
- One Ear Powder: \$6
- One universal brush: \$9.50
- Set of Shears – (1) 8.5 straight shear, (1) thinning shear, (1) 8.5 curved shear: \$140
- One large toenail clipper: \$6
- One small toenail clipper: \$5
- One hemostat: \$6.50
- One flea comb: \$4.50
- One Furminator style blade: \$54
- One Undercoat Rake: \$27