

MASER'S ACADEMY OF FINE GROOMING
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PLACE OF TRAINING:

MASER'S GROOMING AND PET BOUTIQUE at 6515 NE 181ST STREET,
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CLASSES OFFERED

Introductory class, Vocational Pet Grooming

Ten day 70- 80 hours This class teaches, Bathing, Brushing, Drying deshedding, dematting, and how to handle dogs with different temperaments. This class is mandatory unless student has prior grooming shop experience.

\$30 registration fee

\$300 Tuition

\$150 Intro equipment Kit

Vocational Pet Grooming Level 1 (200 hours) This class trains students to be Groomer's Helpers it is a 5 week (25 day class) We will work on all breeds of dogs but will emphasize Sporting Breeds, There will be a written test on Sporting breeds to earn a certificate.

\$35 registration fee

\$1000 Tuition

\$150 Books

Must have Intro tools plus Basic Kit or Up Grade Tool Kit (Check with Denise for current prices and tool selection)

Vocational Pet Grooming Level 2 (200 hours) This class trains students to be Entry Level Groomers it is a 5 week (25 day class) We will work on all breeds of dogs but will emphasize Non-Sporting Breeds, There will be a written test on Non-Sporting Breeds to earn a certificate.

\$35 Registration fee

\$1000 Tuition

Must have all books and tools required

Vocational Pet Grooming Level 3 (200 hours) This class trains students to be All breed Salon Groomers (and Shop Owners) it is a 5 week (25 day Class) We will work on all breeds of dogs but will emphasize Terrier Breeds, There will be a written test on Terrier Breeds to earn a certificate.

\$35 Registration fee

\$1000 Tuition

Must have all books and tools required.

To proceed to the next higher level of training students must pass the prior class including finishing worksheets and passing written tests, with a 70 % or higher score. Students with prior experience who wish to start a class at a higher level with out taking the lower levels will need to do all levels of book work and tests, and be evaluated to see if they are ready for a higher level of class.

Maser's Master Groomer. Once a student has passed all levels of classes and wish too, they may study and take a written test on all of the other groups of dogs, Herding, Hound, Toy and Working once they pass this written test on all the breeds of dogs they will earn a Certificate as a Maser's Master Groomer.

SCHOOL FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED

Maser's Academy of Fine Grooming is a division of Maser's Grooming and Pet Boutique Inc. The owners are George D. Maser (President) and Denise McDonald (Co President). Denise is the director in charge of the school. George and Denise's Mom, Doris, was the one who started Maser's Grooming 40 plus years ago.

INSTRUCTORS AND FACULTY:

Denise McDonald: A second-generation groomer who started grooming at the age of nine years old. Denise has for many years assisted with a 4-H dog group. An active member of the Washington State Pet Industry Association. She was named "Groomer of the Year" in a 1977 Seattle Grooming contest and was first runner-up in 1978. In 1979 she promoted and directed a local WSPIA Grooming Contest. 1980 Denise earned Certified Poodle Groomer title in the first Professional Pet Groomers Certification test held in Des Moines, Iowa. 1982 Denise successfully promoted the first groomer's convention and certification testing in the Pacific Northwest, at which time she earned certification in the Sporting Breeds. 1983 she earned title of certified Terrier Groomer and status of Certified Master Groomer in Atlanta Georgia. 1984 PPGC INC. (now International Professional Groomers Inc.) elected Denise as Regional Director of the Pacific Northwest Region. 1987 achieved status of certifier for PPGC. Inc./ IPG INC. 1989 achieved status of Companion Animal Hygienist with WWPSA. 1990 Elected on the board for International Professional Groomers. 1991 took over the duty of treasure and membership comity for IPG Inc. Served for one and a half years. In 1992 won a major placement in a national grooming contest with a cocker spaniel. In 1994 won a second place (with an English Cocker) and a third Place (with a Wheaten Terrier) in a competition in BC Canada. In 2004 also in BC Denise won Two second placements in the advanced classes for Standard Poodle and Hand stripped terriers. To date is still an active Certifier for International Professional Groomers Inc.

DIANA MURPHY: Has been with Maser's for twenty five years. She is a Certified Master Groomer having started the certifying process in 1982. In 1989 Diana took two placements in a national grooming contest held in Dallas Texas. 1990 she won first place in the poodle class, of the Northwest Dog Groomers Convention. Diana also received "Best Groomed Dog by a Nationally Certified Groomer" Diana's most recent contest win was in 2000, she won the technical award in the poodle class at a Barkleigh show in Everett Washington.

MARNE TRI: Has been with Maser's for twenty five years. She earned her Certified Master Groomer status in 1989. Marne has also competed in grooming competitions. Marne is our resident cat groomer willing to handle even the hardest to handle cats.

PAULA GOMES: Is a Certified Companion Animal Hygienist, test taken in the 1980's. In 2001 she certified in the Non-sporting group and in 2003 Sporting group. Paula has been a groomer at Maser's for twenty years.

BECKY ESCH: A Certified Companion Animal Hygienist. Becky is our Head Bather-groomer in charge of Maser's bathing operation. Twenty years experience.

DEE SCHWARZT: Returned to Maser's as an instructor in the fall of 2005, Dee has been home raising small children for the last seven years. Dee is Certified by International Professional Groomers in the Non Sporting, Sporting, and Terrier Categories. In the early 1990's Dee won Best-Groomed dog in a show at a Pacific Northwest Grooming Competition. This Top honor was with a Miniature Poodle, in the next couple of years Dee went to Inter-groom in New Jersey and placed third in the mixed breed category. We are very happy to have Dee back working with us. Announcement (October 16,2006) Dee just placed second in the intermediate class with a poodle at a Wags show in Surrey BC Canada.

KATHY GRAF: is an IPG Certified Master Groomer who received her groomer training with Maser's Academy in the early 1990's. Kathy continued working with Maser's as an instructor until she opened her own shop (Pretty Paws) in Burien. Kathy is licensed to train in conjunction with Maser's Academy at her shop in Burien.

Students training at the Burien location would need to attend at least one day per week at Maser's Kenmore location in order to keep current with Video, Book work, and tests.

DESCRIPTION OF SCHOOL:

Training takes place at Maser's Grooming and Pet Boutique, which is a pet store, professional grooming shop, and grooming school. The grooming area is located in the bottom half of the building. As you enter the grooming entrance we have a reception room. Just around the corner in the hallway you enter the lunchroom and study area with a TV for video watching and a bookshelf with magazines and books to study. Across the hall from the reception area is the main grooming area which has ten grooming stations (grooming tables) for groomers and students to work, also five bathing stations, and holding cages for the pets, Next is the drying and holding room with runs for large dogs and extra holding cages

SCHOOL CALENDAR:

Maser's Academy is open Monday through Saturday's 52 weeks per year. We are closed on Major holidays but remain open on all minor holidays. Most school schedules are planned on 5 days per week . However we are fairly flexible and may schedule classes to fit your needs, as long as you remember that schooling of less than 5 days per week will take additional weeks to finish your training. The normal hours are 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM (exact hours may vary depending on how busy the shop is on that particular day).Saturdays are an important grooming day for groomers so expect that day will be part of your schedule

All Classes will be based on an 8 hour day with 80 to 90% being hands on and 10 to 20 % being bookwork and video training. Our Classes are Pet Grooming so when we say dog we also mean cat grooming, If you have allergies or issues working with Cats, We need to know up front. Our Classes are intended to be vocational training, some students take our classes for hobby purposes but they will be treated the same as all students, as if they are taking the classes for vocational training.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT POLICY:

Students are accepted into the school upon space available. All classes are on going, and are scheduled for each individual student. Students wishing to be in line for the next space available should have a personal interview with the Director, Denise McDonald. After having viewed the school and deciding that you wish reserve space to start training with Maser's then a registration fee would be requested to hold the next available space or time frame requested by the student. It is required for a student to have a High School diploma or GED equivalent minimum education for enrollment. If a student does not have such credentials they must take and entrance exam prior to enrollment to make sure they can read and write as these basic skills will be needed for success in class.

Space is limited to six students. Student - instructor ratio is usually one to one but is not more than three to one.

Due to the possibility of being bitten by a dog or cat, all Students are required to have medical insurance and a current tetanus shot.

REFUND POLICY:

Cancellation and Refund Policy for Resident Training Programs:

1.The school must refund all money paid if the applicant cancels within five business days (excluding Sundays and holidays) after the day the contract is signed or an initial payment is made, as long as the applicant has not begun training.

2.The school may retain an established registration fee equal to ten percent of the total tuition cost, or one hundred dollars, whichever is less, if the applicant cancels after the fifth business day after signing the contract or making an initial payment. A registration fee” is any fee charged by a school to process student applications and establish a student record system.

3.If training is terminated after the student enters classes, the school may retain the registration fee established under (c) of this subsection, plus a percentage of the total tuition as described in the following table:

If the student completes this amount of training:	The school may keep this percentage of the tuition cost:
One week or up to 10%, whichever is less	10%
More than one week or 10% whichever is less but less than 25%	25%
25% through 50%	50%
More than 50%	100%

5. When calculating refunds, the official date of a student's termination is the last day of recorded attendance:
- (a) When the school receives notice of the student's intention to discontinue the training program; or,
 - (b) When the student is terminated for a violation of a published school policy which provides for termination; or,
 - (c) When a student, without notice, fails to attend classes for thirty calendar days.

6. All refunds must be paid within thirty calendar days of the student's official termination date.

TERMINATION BY THE SCHOOL: Grounds for termination by the school prior to completion are as follows. 1) Gross neglect and or abuse of animals put into the care of the student. 2) Extreme personality conflict between Instructors and the Student. 3) Students on payment plan: failure to complete payments. In the event of termination by the school the student would be notified verbally and by letter as to the reason for dismissal. Unused tuition would be refunded in accordance with the refund policy. The equipment package would remain in the ownership of the student (provided no money is owed to the school) No refunds on the equipment package.

CANCELLATION OR TERMINATION BY THE STUDENT: Student wishing to drop out of training must notify the Director of the school verbally and by letter. Unused tuition will be refunded within thirty days in accordance with the refund policy. There will be no refund on any tools, equipment or on registration fee.

EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE: Denise (Director) will provide Placement and referral assistance upon completion of training. Students will be sent out on internships for evaluation of their progress. These internships give the student a chance to sample working in other shops with out committing themselves to hire on. Internships also acquaint students with other shop situations and working conditions. Most shops taking interns will offer to hire the student if they have a position open. No guarantee of employment is made or implied.

SCHOOL POLICY WITH RESPECT TO ABSENCES: A written note is requested the week prior to any absence or day off stating dates and reason for absence. Under special circumstances the student may take a leave of absence. The school expects a signed note as to the reason for leave of absence and expected time of return. A note is requested (*preferably signed by your doctor*) upon return to class after sick days are taken. Absences that are unexcused (*not reported to the school*) may be fined a \$30 per day fee *when* the student is not attending and not reporting to school.

CONDITIONAL ELEMENTS: A student trained at Maser's Grooming and Pet Boutique in Kenmore shall refrain from opening a grooming shop within a ten-mile radius of Maser's for a period of three years after completion of training.

EXTRA EXPENSES: Equipment upkeep, blade and scissor sharpening, would be the responsibility of the student. Any tools and books above and beyond the required equipment would be optional. Medical expenses such as a Tetanus shot if you are not current, Medical insurance in case of bites or injuries.

STUDENT HOUSING: For students who live out side a reasonable commuting we have a former employee that will rent a bedroom. (\$100 per week) They are a couple with no children at home. They are located about 6 or 7 miles from the school. Students may also consider looking for other rent sharing situations. Try checking this Web site / craigslist.org /click on Seattle-Tacoma area.

INVITATION: Applicants are invited to visit the school when ever possible, prior to enrollment and take their first step towards a career as a Professional Pet Groomer. Dog and Cat grooming can be a rewarding career as well as an artistic accomplishment at which you can earn a good living. Pet grooming offers an equal opportunity to men, women, and all age groups. All you need is a great deal of patience and a firm and steady hand at handling animals. So if you have a natural love of dogs & cats and wish to make a living full or part time working with pets contact Denise McDonald at Maser's 425-486-1299.

If you wish to register but are unsure if Pet Grooming is for you, you may come for a optional try out day. You will be given simple tasks like brushing and drying the dogs. This should give the prospective student an idea if they would enjoy grooming and physical demands that it entails. This try out period is optional and at the request of the prospective student.

CLASS AVAILABILITY:

Call for an appointment to tour the school and or to check our schedule for class opening.

STUDENT TOOL KITS:

Equipment Kits are purchased through the school at or near wholesale prices, We have put together tools that we feel work best for your learning experience. We also feel good tools are necessary for you to learn to do the work properly. Do not go out and purchase equipment on your own as you will end up getting the wrong things and end up buying more. If you already own tools that are part of our kits we can deduct those from your purchase of our kits.

INTRO Kit \$150 Tax included

Our Intro Class kits includes, Safety tip curved 6 1/2" Scissor , Grey Hound comb, Slicker brush, Mat comb, Mat Raker and Mat Breaker, Ear powder, ear cleaner, nail clippers, and cut too close nail stop powder, and a Furminator Shedless Tool.

BOOKS: \$150 tax included.

Complete Dog Book (AKC breed standards, currently the 20th addition), Notes From the Grooming Table, and The Theory of Five. All three of the books are stored in a stylish zipper closed book bag, for carrying to and from school.

BASIC EQUIPMENT KIT: \$950 tax included

UPGRADE EQUIPMENT KIT: \$1109 tax included

for a list and prices in the Basic and Upgrade kits please ask and I will forward you a copy .