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**Job Objective:**

A certified dog grooming professional with 5+ years of experience, looking for a senior position with a salon where I can use my knowledge and passion for taking care of customer's pets.

**Summary of Skills:**

* Complete knowledge about pet behavior, diet, nutrition, and grooming styles
* Expertise in nail trimming, cleaning eyes and ears, hair cutting, and other modern day grooming techniques
* In-depth information about treatments given to allergic reactions caused due to grooming
* Proficient in answering client queries on call and giving demos to new customers
* Ability to read uncommon dog behavior and recognize different body language of canines
* Excellent communication and time management skills

**Work Experience:**

Dog Groomer

Care for Paws Shelter, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

November 2016 – Present

* Providing breed-specific haircuts using clippers or shears, and assisting client to understand what their pet needs
* Performing different tasks like fur coat combing, nail trimming, hair cutting, cleaning ears, and other grooming techniques as per need
* Supervising a staff of 10 new assistant groomers and giving instructions for grooming dogs as per their breeds
* Updating organization's web page about weekly discounts and the new grooming methods available at the center to attract new clientèle
* Using proper sanitization techniques for maintaining grooming equipment to avoid contamination in different dog breeds
* Responding calmly to emergency situations and handling dogs of multiple breeds at one time

Dog Groomer

Elm's Pet Shop, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

March 2014 – October 2016

* Started with 5 dogs per day and increased the workload to 7 due to excellent customer service
* Efficiently communicated with clients and helped them decide the best haircut for their dogs by showing possible styles
* Worked as a multi-tasker by doing duties like shaping dog coat, cleaning hair combs or clipping toenails with scissors clippers while answering client calls
* Cleaned dog's ears, teeth and removed dead undercoats from canines before setting them on the grooming table
* Mentored junior dog trainers and assisted them in critical situations when the canine turned aggressive while bathing
* Took initiative to set up a side business for the company by introducing dog skin care products and clothings within the shop

Assistant Dog Groomer

Katy's Pet Spa, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

August 2012 – February 2014

* Took responsibility for trimming nails of dogs, clipping toenails, and drying the fur coat using force dryers
* Bathed pet dogs and used effective calming techniques for canines and made them comfortable
* Checked the fur coats for parasites, insects or other irritations and used required products to provide comfort
* Assisted supervisor to detangle pet coats, blow-dry and comb fur as well as maintain the grooming room
* Provided consultation to new clients by explaining the type of services provided
* Warmly greeted clients and new customers and informed them about ongoing discount offers that would suit their pets

**Apprenticeship:**

Dog Groomer Apprentice

Katy's Pet Spa, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

April 2011 – July 2012

* Understood technique to bathe dogs and dry their fur coats
* Cleaned and maintained grooming equipment and sanitized the salon
* Learned grooming skills like nail trimming, hair cutting, drying, combing fur coat under the supervision of experts
* Understood different products that are suitable for various breeds and suggested them to clients
* Scheduled client appointments by noting down the pet's breed
* Maintained a play area for the waiting clients and kept pet toys in the section

**Education:**

* Diploma in Animal Care University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, PA 2010

**Certifications:**

* International Model of Pet Grooming Certificate – Distinction, 2011

**Reference:**

On request.