

The South East Grooming Show 2023

Class Categories

There will be three placements per class in each category, excluding model dogs. Due to any event that may occur that is out of our control, the classes that the judges are listed to judge may change at short notice. The South East Grooming Show has the right to remove or merge class categories which have very low entry numbers.

Beginner

- 1 year or less experience (including training).
- All breeds and techniques are allowed.
- May have been placed before, but not 1st in an equivalent class.
- No breed/exhibitor specialists.
- This class is not eligible for Best in Show.
- Time allocated: 2 hours

Intermediate

- 1-3 years' experience (including training).
- All breeds and techniques are allowed.
- May have been placed before, but not 1st in equivalent class.
- No breed/exhibitor specialists.
- This class is not eligible for Best in Show.
- Time allocated: 2 hours

Open

- Open to all with less than three 1st placements or two 1st placements and a Best in Show in any set class.
- Breed/exhibitor specialists allowed.

Champion

- Competitors that have already won 1st in the same category at a competition one time or more.
- Breed/exhibitor specialists allowed.

Salon Freestyle

- Any purebred or crossbreed, without styling to breed standard
- Time allocated: 2 hours

Doubles

- Two competitors grooming one dog.
- All breeds and techniques are allowed, except the use of colour.
- This class is not eligible for Best in Show.
- Time allocated: 1 hour 30 minutes

Extreme Creative

- The only limitation, other than the safety and welfare of the dog, is your imagination and creative talents.
- Pet-safe dyes can be used before or added with temporary colours in the ring.
- This class is not eligible for Best in Show.
- Time allocated: 2 hours 30 minutes
- An additional 15 minutes is given at the end of the class to prepare their staging/backdrop and costume ready to present their art

Salon Creative & Carving

- Pet-safe dyes can be used before or added with temporary colours in the ring.
- Up to 25% of the dog can be coloured
- This class is not eligible for Best in Show.
- Time allocated: 2 Hours

Model Dogs (full body or head)

- Model dogs must be made up before the show and brought on the day.
- All entries must be placed on the judging table by 11:30am.
- There is only one placement for this category.
- This class is not eligible for Best in Show.

Asian Freestyle

- For any breed or cross breed trimmed in Asian style. This means any interpretation of this style so it is up to the individual's flair, skill and the judges preference
- Exaggerated features are usually required
- Coat dressings and accessories are allowed but must be applied during the class
- Time allocated: 2 Hours

Purebreed Scissor

- Clipper comb attachments are not allowed.
- Colouring is not allowed.
- All purebreeds must be groomed in a style recognised in the breed standard.
- Time allocated: Small & medium breeds (under 15" at withers) 2 hours
- Time allocated: Large breeds (15" at withers and above) 2 hours 30 minutes

Handstrip Gundog

- For all gundog breeds groomed according to their breed standard.
- Stripping knives are allowed.
- Coloured chalk powder/block/spray and cream are allowed.
- You are not allowed to use clippers except Cocker and Setters chest and ears.
- Time allocated: All sizes 2 hours 30 minutes

Handstrip Terrier & Other

- The dog needs to be groomed according to their breed standard.
- Stripping knives are allowed.
- Coloured chalk powder/block/spray and cream are allowed.
- You are not allowed to use clippers except: Scottish Terrier – chest, head and ears. West Highland Terrier - chest and ears. Schnauzer - chest, head, inside of back legs and ears.
- Time allocated: Small & medium breeds (under 15" at withers) 2 hours 30 minutes.
- Time allocated: Large breeds (15" at withers and above) 3 Hours

Poodle (Toy, Miniature & Standard)

- Poodles must be groomed in a style recognised according to their breed standard.
- Clipper comb attachments are not allowed
- Poodle's face, feet and tail are to be clipped before entering the ring. Ear clipping must be done in the ring.
- Colouring is not allowed.
- Poodles with top knots may ask for help from an outsider to hold the dog.
- Poodle's Spray up topknots have an extra 15 minutes for all sizes.
- Time allocated: Toy Poodle & Miniature Poodle 2 hours
- Time allocated: Standard Poodle 2 hours 30 minutes