

Feline Fanciers Grooming Academy

1. Feline Fanciers Grooming Academy (“FFGA”) is run by the FFF Board of Directors and focuses on cat grooming.
2. FFGA will partner with different local grooming school in different countries.
3. All teachers must sign the contract with FFGA.
4. FFGA Board has the right to select and approve the teacher to be accepted in the FFGA. All contracted tutors will be issued a Grooming Master certificate by the FFGA.
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Grooming School and Certificate

1. Level C

- ❖ This is the elementary level
- ❖ The content of the grooming school in Level C focuses on the fundamental grooming skills such as:
 - (a) How to comb cat coat
 - (b) How to shave cat coat
 - (c) Clipping nails
 - (d) Cleaning ear, eyes and mouth
 - (e) Scissoring, how to trim eyes and ears
 - (f) Cat grooming technique and skill
 - (g) Coat drying technique and skill
- ❖ It consists of theory classes and demonstration classes
- ❖ Minimum duration of the classes is 40 hours
- ❖ Certificate can only be issued with the following conditions:
 - (a) The groomer is registered in FFGA
 - (b) Attended the Level C grooming classes with 90% or above attendance
 - (c) Pass the examination at the end of the school. 70% is the passing score.
 - (d) Pay the annual license fees to FFGA to renew the certificate.

2. Level B

- ❖ This level of the grooming academy is to learn how to groom the coat type for the cats under category B.
- ❖ The content of the grooming school in Level B focuses on the grooming skill and technique on the coat type for the cats as described under the Coat type B category.
- ❖ It consists of theory class and demonstration class
- ❖ Minimum duration of the class is 40 hours

- ❖ Certificate for each coat type of cats under Category B can only be issued with the following conditions:
 - (a) The groomer is registered in FFGA
 - (b) Obtained the FFGA Level C certificate
 - (c) Attended the specific coat type of cats under Category B grooming class with 90% or above attendance.
 - (d) Pass the examination of the specific cat coat type. . 70% is the passing score. Certificate of each coat type under Category B will be issued separately.
- ❖ Certificate for Level B can only be issued with the following conditions:
 - (a) The groomer is registered in FFGA
 - (b) Obtained the FFGA Level C certificate
 - (c) Attended the Level B grooming class with 90% or above attendance
 - (d) Pass the examination for cat of all coat types under Category B at the end of the school. 70% is the passing score.
 - (e) Pay the annual license fees to FFGA to renew the certificate.

3. Level A

- ❖ This level of the grooming academy is to learn how to groom the coat type under category A.
- ❖ The content of the grooming school in Level A focuses on the grooming skill and technique on the coat type as described under the Coat type A category.
- ❖ It consists of theory class and demonstration class
- ❖ Minimum hour of the class is 30 hours
- ❖ Certificate for each coat type under Category A can only be issued with the following conditions:
 - (e) The groomer is registered in FFGA
 - (f) Obtained the FFGA Level B certificate
 - (g) Attend the specific coat type of cats under Category A grooming class with 90% or above attendance.
 - (h) Pass the examination of the specific cat coat type under Category A. 70% is the passing score.
- ❖ Certificate for Level A can only be issued with the following conditions:
 - (f) The groomer is registered in FFGA
 - (g) Obtained the FFGA Level B certificate
 - (h) Attended the Level A grooming class with 90% or above attendance
 - (i) Pass the examination for all cat coat type under Category A at the end of the school. 70% is the passing score. Certificate of each cat coat type under Category A will be given.
 - (j) Pay the annual license fees to FFGA to renew the certificate.

4. Master Level

- ❖ This level of the grooming academy is to learn how to groom the coat type under category Master Level.
- ❖ The Master Level is designed for the groomers who would like to become the tutors of the FFGA.
- ❖ All tutors in FFGA must obtain the Master Level certificate.
- ❖ The content of the grooming school in Master Level focuses on the
 - (a) grooming skill and technique for all kinds of cat coat types.
 - (b) Groomer tutor skillset
 - (c) End-to-end Grooming process technique
- ❖ It consists of theory class and demonstration class
- ❖ Minimum duration of the class is 40 hours
- ❖ Certificate for each coat type under Category Master Level can only be issued with the following conditions:
 - (i) The groomer is registered in FFGA
 - (j) Obtained the FFGA Level A certificate
 - (k) Attended the specific coat type of cats under Category Master Level grooming class with 90% or above attendance.
 - (l) Pass the examination of the specific cat coat type under Category Master Level. 70% is the passing score.
- ❖ Certificate of Master Level can only be issued with the following condition:
 - (a) The groomer is registered in FFGA
 - (b) Obtained the FFGA Level A certificate
 - (c) Attended the Master Level grooming class with 90% or above attendance
 - (d) Pass the examination at the end of the school. 80% is the passing score.
 - (e) Pay the annual license fees to FFGA to renew the certificate.

Coat Type Category

Category Master Level

1. Persian & Exotic Shorthairs (Full-Coated Cats)
 - ❖ Examples: Persian, Exotic Shorthair
 - ❖ Coat Characteristics: Persians have long, dense coats, while Exotic Shorthairs have a plush, short coat.
 - ❖ Grooming Focus: For Persians, grooming focuses on volume and fluff, with careful trimming around the face. Exotic Shorthairs require sleek and plush coat presentation.
2. Curly or Rex Cats (Wavy, Curled Coats)
 - ❖ Examples: Devon Rex, Cornish Rex, Selkirk Rex
 - ❖ Coat Characteristics: Unique wavy or curly coats that require specialized grooming to maintain curl definition.
 - ❖ Grooming Focus: Maintaining the natural curls or waves while ensuring the coat looks uniform and soft. Care must be taken not to over-groom and flatten the curls

Category A

1. Forest Cats (Long-Haired, Dense Coats)
 - ❖ Examples: Maine Coon, Norwegian Forest Cat, Siberian
 - ❖ Characteristics: Thick, long coats with a dense undercoat designed for harsh environments.
 - ❖ Grooming Focus: De-shedding and mat prevention, maintaining natural volume while keeping the coat healthy and polished.
2. Plush Cats (Short-to-Medium Dense Coats)
 - ❖ Examples: British Shorthair, Scottish Fold, Minuet (Napoleon), American Bobtail
 - ❖ Coat Characteristics: Dense, plush coats that are soft to the touch, with a “cushiony” appearance.
 - ❖ Grooming Focus: Highlighting the softness and roundness of the coat while maintaining a well-groomed, clean look. Volume control is key, especially in maintaining the coat’s density without making it look too bulky.
3. Hairless or Nearly Hairless Cats**
 - ❖ Examples: Sphynx, Peterbald
 - ❖ Coat Characteristics: Lack of fur, with smooth or slightly fuzzy skin that needs regular care to stay clean and healthy.
 - ❖ Grooming Focus: Skin care is crucial, focusing on cleaning, moisturizing, and ensuring the skin is blemish-free. Wrinkles should be clean and moisturized.

Category B

1. Semi-Long Hair, Fine Silky Coats**
 - ❖ Examples: Turkish Angora, Turkish Van, Balinese
 - ❖ Characteristics: Silky, soft coats that flow naturally, often fine and easy to manage but prone to matting if neglected.
 - ❖ Grooming Focus: Groomers will emphasize the silkiness and shine of the coat, keeping it smooth and free-flowing without knots. The coat should shimmer and remain elegant
2. Slinky & Sleek Cats (Short-Haired, Fine Coats)
 - ❖ Examples: Siamese, Burmese, Bombay, Korat, Russian Blue
 - ❖ Coat Characteristics: Short, fine, and close-lying coats that shine when properly groomed.
 - ❖ Grooming Focus: Emphasis on the natural shine and sleekness of the coat. Every hair must be in place, with no rough patches or stray hairs.
3. Wild-Looking Cats (Short and Long Hair: Spotted, Striped, or Tabby Coats)
 - ❖ Examples: Bengal, Savannah, Ocicat, American Curl, Japanese Bobtail
 - ❖ Coat Characteristics: Exotic coats with distinct patterns like spots, stripes, or rosettes, mimicking their wild ancestors.
 - ❖ Grooming Focus: Enhancing the natural pattern of the coat while keeping it sleek and shiny. Groomers should focus on bringing out the vibrancy and clarity of the coat's markings
4. Semi-Long Hair, Dense Coats
 - ❖ Examples: Ragamuffin, Ragdoll, Birman
 - ❖ Characteristics: Semi-longhair with thick, plush coats that require regular care to avoid matting and tangling.
 - ❖ Grooming Focus: Keeping the coat soft and voluminous without it appearing too heavy. Highlighting the coat's natural density while maintaining smoothness and cleanliness.

Registration as FFGA Groomer

1. A cat groomer is required to register under FFGA groomer program.
2. Details must be provided such as
 - (a) Groomer's name
 - (b) Gender
 - (c) Email address
 - (d) Correspondence address
 - (e) Region
 - (f) Contact number
3. Application Fees is USD100. (annual renewal is required?)
4. Certificate of FFGA Associate will be issued to the registered FFGA members
5. The status will advance to FFGA Fellow after 5 years registration upon approval from the FFGA Board of Directors.

Groomer Certificate

1. Upon qualified as mentioned in the section "Grooming School and Certificate", the registered FFGA Associate can apply the certificate with all supporting documents.
2. Certificate lasts for 1 year. Every year needs to renew the certificate.
3. Annual license fee is USD300 for Level B and C.
4. Annual license fee is USD500 for Level A.
5. Annual license fee is USD800 for Master Level.

Grooming Tutor

1. Obtained Master Level certificate in FFGA.
2. Invited by the FFGA Board of Directors if he/she is considered appropriate.
3. Agreement to be signed with the Grooming Tutor and FFGA
4. Registration fees as registered FFGA Grooming Tutor is USD300
5. Only the FFGA registered Grooming Tutor can teach in the FFGA registered grooming school

Partnering Grooming School

1. If the Grooming school in different countries would like to collaborate with FFGA, application is required to submit to the FFGA Board of Directors for consideration.
2. Site visit will be arranged to check whether the facilities meet with FFGA's requirements.
3. If it can meet the requirement, we will approve to cooperate with the local grooming school to conduct the FFGA grooming class.
4. The partnered grooming school must engage our registered Grooming Tutor to conduct the grooming class.
5. Issuance of All levels of grooming certificate must follow the requirements of FFGA