

WHAT IS IPG CERTIFICATION?

The International Professional Groomers, Inc. certifies Pet Groomers based upon their knowledge of all the recognized breeds, anatomy, terminology, bathing, safety, health, and sanitation.

Certification Testing conducted by IPG will enable the groomer to be certified in five phases: Certified in Salon Details, Certified Non-Sporting, Certified Terrier, Certified Sporting/Gun Dog, and ultimately as an International Certified Master Groomer (ICMG).

To maintain and advertize your IPG Certified status, IPG membership must be paid annually.

Continuing education is encouraged to keep certified IPG members up to date with current trends in grooming and the grooming industry. This would include

- Attendance and involvement in grooming contests and trade shows
- Taking grooming lessons
- Attending or presenting grooming lectures and demonstrations
- Attending or exhibiting in AKC dog shows
- Training for Canine Good Citizenship, Rally, Obedience, Star Program and Agility

- Volunteer work with rescue organizations and shelters.

USE OF THE IPG LOGO

The IPG, Inc. allows members to display the IPG logo in the following ways:

- Window Decals (only those purchased from IPG)
- Business Cards
- Business Letter Head
- Advertising
- All use other than window decals, must be approved by mailing or emailing to

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NEED MORE INFORMATION?

IPG Certification Program Booklet
Becoming an IPG Certifier
Hosting an IPG
Workshop/Certification
The IPG Certification Guidelines

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WHAT IS IPG?

The International Professional Groomers, Inc is an International organization which:

- **Provides International industry standards for the professional pet groomer** based upon the country's breed standards of perfection. Tests are currently available for the US, Australia and Canada with translations in French and Spanish.
- **Provides advanced continuing education** programs designed to enhance the technical expertise and business acumen of professional pet groomers.
- **Provides a Code of Ethics** to be followed by all members and certified groomers, suitable for framing.
- **Provides an examination program** whereby the grooming expertise of professional pet groomers may be demonstrated and certified. These tests are based upon the breed standards found in the American Kennel Club's The Complete Dog Book, 20th edition (or your country's governing Kennel Club standards) and the IPG's Certification Guidelines.
- **Certifies pet groomers in five phases**, culminating in the International Certified Master Groomer (ICMG).

WHY JOIN IPG?

Maintaining membership in this prestigious International Organization will assist your efforts to keep current with industry trends and innovations.

Membership in IPG, Inc. provides:

- *Certification Testing* is available only to IPG members.
- *Certification Testing* may be taken in any sequence with the exception of the Masters Test which may be taken only upon completion of all other tests with a score of 86% or better.
- *Testing* may take as little as one weekend or as long as five years to complete.
- *Re-Testing* of any test is only half price and can be taken 30 days following original test.
- *Quarterly* newsletters to keep you abreast of association activities as well as industry news and events.
- *Certified Groomers Directory* published annually will list all certified IPG members.
- *A Membership Certificate and Code of Ethics* suitable for framing, reissued annually.

- *Notification* of IPG, Inc. certification test sites, workshops and continuing education opportunities, as well as other national and international seminars.
- *A public forum* among your peers is available on www.ipgcmg.org with special forums for members only.
- *Professional fellowship*: IPG, Inc. provides you an opportunity to expand your professional contacts and make new friends among individuals with common interests, concerns and goals.

HOW DO I JOIN IPG?

- IPG, Inc membership is open to all persons interested in the Pet Grooming Industry. Initial membership is \$90.00, then \$60.00 per year renewal.
- Complete the membership application enclosed in this brochure. Enclose your payment and mail to the IPG Treasurer.
- Please allow 4-6 weeks for processing.

Thank you for your interest. We look forward to welcoming you as a member of IPG, Inc

