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Communi-groom 2011 was another fantastic weekend where everyone in attendance loved it! We lived, learned and had fun while filling our heads with education! website www.ppgam.org

LISA LEADY WAS THE STAR OF THE SHOW

Many of us recognized the fabulous Lisa Leady from her stint on the show "Groomer Has it" while others may have seen her in the competition ring or on Groom Team USA. The groomers that were seeing her for the first time wont forget this memorable weekend. Lisa shared her expertise with us in an all day seminar on the



Saturday, where she lectured and provided grooming demonstrations. She then wowed us with her skill as a competition judge. She was classy and fair and always took a few mins to talk to each contestant about the work they had done in the ring. We all learnt so much from this wonderful/skilled industry pro!

Beef Good dog cookies



2 1/2 cups ww Flour
3/4 cup powdered milk
1 egg beaten
1/2 cup veg oil
1 jar beef broth bb food
1 jar carrot bb food
2 tbsp brown sugar

Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Mix together the ingredients and roll out dough to 1/4 inch thickness, cut into bone shapes and place on a cookie sheet
Bake for 30 mins and allow to cool.
Store in the fridge in an airtight

Canadian Certification

The Canadian Professional Groomers Association was in attendance at Communi-groom this year and many of us got a chance to certify or continue to certify with an organization based solely for the Groomers in this country. This certifying body, long anticipated, is the baby of some of Canada's top pet stylist and pet grooming professionals. CPG will continue to encourage education and help increase the standard of our industry. For more information see www.canadianprofessionalgroomer.ca

Congrats to JILL KLASSEN of Jill's Canine Design on her CPG Masters!!!

BARKS AND BRAGS

Here's a Bark for the next N-letter:

Clients who booked their Christmas grooming 6 1/2 wks in advance, then the morning-of, when called to see where they are, say "oh, yeah, I meant to call about that. We're not going to come in.". Really?? - So Fired. Had 2 of these on the 23rd. Thank goodness for cancellation lists!

Regards,

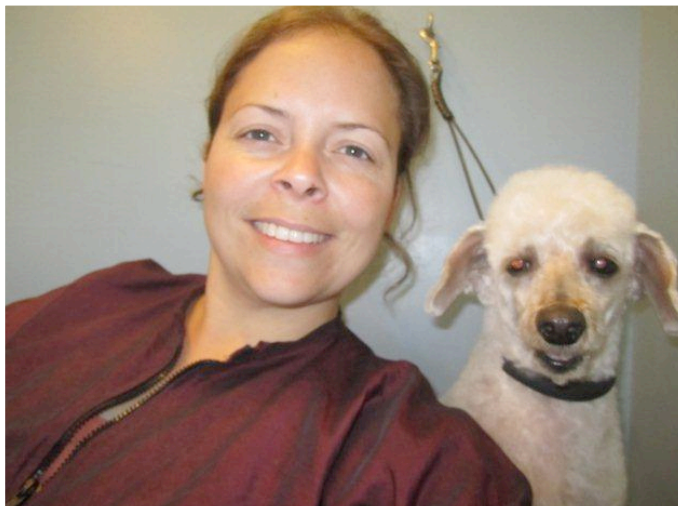
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Dallas, Not that hearing this is good news to me, but I was happy learning that Noelle and myself were not the only ones that this happen too!! Thanks, Kim

Kirby James-Pearson

9:38pm Dec 21

Wow, that was an unexpected phone call today. Groomed a little Shih mix yesterday - her first real haircut. (she's been bringing her to me once a week since october for little bits here and there, nails for sure and sometimes face trimming, comb out - just to get her used to the grooming experience a little bit at a time before having a full groom). Well, she called the shop this morning and insisted on speaking with me. She wanted to tell me I did an **awesome job**. :-)



This is a copy of a wonderful email sent in shortly after Communi-groom this year. We were so touched and moved by Hailie's words that we had to share them with everyone.

Birdsong floats through my open windows, seeming to synchronize perfectly with the soft tunes of my background radio. A clean dog perches calmly, almost dozing on my table. The cloying scent of quality product gently wafts to me from a clean, crisp coat as my shears slice and carve the shapes of my mind. Away from the humming buzz of our trade show, sequestered back inside my own peaceful one-(wo)man salon, snippets of the weekend tick through my brain as I meander through my Zen state of working. Listening to knowledgeable peers as they drop glistening pearls of wisdom upon my open ears, canon booms of "YES! YES!" rocketing off the interior walls of my head... Watching in awe as brave and skilled colleagues prop themselves up in front of a room of spectators and judges, and then lose themselves in their own state of focused bliss, as this is something we all love to do, all feed our own creative selves with... Perusing and holding in my own hands fine examples of tools of the trade, finally succumbing to the guilty pleasure of securing for myself a couple of precious specimens for my own meagre arsenal... Chatting with and enjoying the company of fabulous counterparts from all over the local community and beyond... Even if all I'll ever personally amount to is the best pet groomer I can be, I channel all of these fine things that make our industry a pleasure to be immersed in. Thank you, all, for a fabulous weekend!

Hailie Emms

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The Dangers of Simple Things.

ITS VERY STRESSFUL WHEN THINGS DON'T GO AS PLANNED.

Over the period of a week and a half of grooming I received 5 phone calls of a similar nature. The first one happened on a friday. I groomed one of my regular poodles on a wednesday and about 3 hours after the groom the dog started to rub and scratch at it's eyes, they started to swell up and the poor little guy had to go to the vet. The vet said that the eyes had been damaged from the scratching and now have ulcers but they did not know what the cause was. They called (not angry) to find out if any thing different was used on him or if I had a new cleaner or something like that. The owners were just searching for answers.

The next day I get another call. This lady has the same problem with her little chihuahua. I only had the dog in my possession for 2 hours and when she got home the little dog had squinty eyes that were really itchy. She went to the vet and was diagnosed with a severe allergic reaction and treated with steroids and eye drops.

A couple of days later came call number 3! One of my regulars that is bathed only in Lav-n-derm shampoo due to owners having scent issues. He developed squinty eyes and ends up at the vet clinic and is diagnosed with an allergic reaction and is put on steroids and eye drops. This time the owner said that he smelled different, almost perfumey. I double checked the file but I knew that we only use lav-n-derm.

Everyone at my shop was trying to figure out what the heck was going on. So far, every dog was bathed in a different shampoo, but all within the same line. No new products have been added to the shop. Not new air fresheners, cleaners, sprays, laundry soap, etc.

I know that bad things happen in 3's so imagine my surprise when dog number 4 and number 5 have called!

So the long and short of it. The one thing that was introduced into the shop, but not for the dogs was my new, awesome smelling body butter from bath and body works scented midnight pomegranate. IT was my hands constantly and they get really dry so the body butter was all over my hands while I was handling these dogs.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The PPGAM is planning a cat seminar. This is a 2 day event from 10am to 5pm, which includes a certification as well.

We need to know when it would be best to hold such. Ex: a Sunday and Monday in May. Please phone or email Liz at 781-7781 or at elizabethmasi@hotmail.com

When Liz can confirm interest and choose suitable dates, more info can be provided.

Favorite tools and Equipment

People are all different and groomers are that way too. Every one of us has our own ideas of what works best.

HERE ARE SOME MEMBER SUBMISSIONS

Liz Masi of Canidea has these suggestions:

Use clipper combs on the Wahl Bellissima (or Arco, Chromado, Bravura) - Love them on fine haired shitzus, and other fine drop coats, makes hair look fuller - REALLY try the 6mm or 9mm next time and see the difference.

If you like the Metal Clipper Combs, Wahl now makes them to fit your Arco and Bellissima alike

ANE - convex straights, value for money - one of my favorite shears for 2011

Kenchi convex curves "Pink Poodle" still my overall favorite for finishing, stolen last year and plan on replacing... worth the investment.

Kim Gibson of A Doggie Spaw has this to offer:

Adding some Nizoral to your medicated baths helps the really yeasty or bacterial overgrowth dogs. Remember this is not a product registered for use on animals so get permission from the owner or vet prior to use. My "big guns" medicated concoction is tar and sulfur mixed with citrumela, with added medi boost and nizoral. Let sit 5 mins, repeat then condition.

Sue Nestruck of Best West St. Anne has this to offer:

My favorite tool/attachment are the Wahl Stainless Steel Clipper Combs.

Yup, these babies glide thru all types of coat, stay cool, are light (for those of us who have fatigued hands), fast to clip on, leave a nice finish and have 8 different lengths. I use a #10 underneath for most clipping but if the coat is really thick I use a #30.

LOVE Them!

Reina Ross Christensen of Barkling Clean Dog Groomer has this to offer:

I like using a small letter opener as my dematting tool for really bad matts. I buy them at Staples, they come two per pack. They are the very small ones with a razor blade in the middle. You have to be very careful using them but they work real good.

Reina.

Tanis McIntosh of McBarn Kennels has this to offer:

Okay here's my take on my favourite tool. My go to, and wouldn't want to live without, is my Mars deshedding tool. In the past I've heard of (at several shows) groomers saying that the Oster is better because it doesn't cut the hair. I say "NOT" so. I bought one of the Oster deshedding tools and cut myself quite badly first time out. Testament to my clumsiness... you say.. maybe so but better me than the dog and really if it cuts me like that what's it doing to the hair. My suggestion is when you buy these things new, take them out to the sand box and run them through the sand as many times as possible to dull them. I want these tools to "de-shed", to remove the dead hair out not cut the new hair and really how do you stop that from happening if its that sharp. I don't believe you can use this as a universal tool meaning to be used as a deshedder and a dematter. If you want it to be used for

dematting then leave it sharp but once you are running it through a dogs coat full on.... you are at risk of cutting health guard hair. Now that mine is dull...its my "bestest" tool. :)

Audra Blais-Boulianne of Prairieland Kennels Has this to offer:

My favorite tool is a brush. I have this one brush that is like a work horse. It doesn't have a brand name on it and it's been repaired a couple of times. I'm afraid that when it breaks for good it will be a very sad day. The brush itself is the best brush that I have ever used for removing the undercoat whether the coat is wet or dry. I have yet to find another one like it.

THE TOP 5 THINGS I WISH THAT EVERY GROOMER KNEW!

Number 5-

I wish that every groomer knew that Miniature schnauzers don't have an hour glass head and that they DO NOT have a skirt. (*Noelle Chartier*)

Number 4-

I wish that every groomer knew how important a quality bath and blow dry is. It's in my mind the most important part of grooming. It makes it so much easier to style the coat, it's easier on your tools, and the customer is delighted when they pick up their pet and it feels and smells great. I'm not a believer in crate drying a dog. (*Audra Blais-Boulianne*)

Number 3-

I wish that every groomer knew how important continuing education and voluntary certification is. I also wish that they all would regularly attend grooming shows. (*Kim Gibson*)

Number 2-

I wish that ever groomer understood animal behaviour (*Eric Salas*)

Number 1-

I wish every groomer knew the right way to give a correction, without anger! (*Sandy Potter*)

PS> If anyone is looking for a brand new electric hydraulic grooming table for less than 500 bucks, please let me know by the end of Jan and Nadeen may make your dreams come true!
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Winnipeg to Hershey

We now have a chance for all groomers to make it to Groom Expo in Hershey Penn. at a minimal cost. **All we need to do is fill the seats!!!** This means that companion seats can be purchased at a low cost as well.

The Entire journey would take us one week. We would leave on a Tuesday morning in the beginning of September and we would return the following Tuesday.

QUICK TRIP OVERVIEW

SEPT 4TH
Leave Winnipeg

SEPT 6TH
Adventures in Hershey

SEPT 7,8,9
Groom expo

SEPT 10TH
Leave for Home



The cost for each seat on the bus is for members: 550.00 per person and non-members 600.00 per person. This is hotel and transportation BOTH (based on triple occupancy). The only way to be able to offer



such a price is by chartering our own bus and filling the seats. The seats would be first come first serve and we need to have your \$150 deposit per seat, in to the treasurer by the 31st of January.

The Money will be refunded to you if there is not enough interest. We do have to have 30 confirmed spaces booked in order for us to secure the bus.

There will be room for a few dogs for those who want to compete. These groomers must book

early as spaces for dogs is really limited.

You should have been sent the information on this trip already. If you need it resent or if you have any questions, please contact Kim Gibson at kimgroomer@hotmail.com or 955-7075

