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**Don't miss these exciting
NDGAA, Inc. Seminars**



June 4, 5 & 6, 2010
Colorado GroomFest
Competition & Trade Show
Denver, CO

(show program available in mid-march '10)

Oct 29th, 30th & 31st, 2010
25th Annual "Fun In The Sun"
Competition & Trade Show
Orlando, FL

(show program available in mid-august '10)

PRE-REGISTER ONLINE AT:
www.ndgaa.com

✓ KNOWLEDGE ✓ EDUCATION ✓ PARTICIPATION ✓ CREATIVITY ✓ PERFORMANCE ✓ SUCCESS



**The National Dog
Groomers Association
of America, Inc.**

presents

A Continuing Educational Workshop and
Certification Testing Session planned
especially for the Professional Pet Groomers in the

**Richmond, VA area
March 28th & 29th, 2010**

<u>Workshop/Test Location</u>	<u>Overnight Accommodations</u>
Sheraton Park South 9901 Midlothian Turnpike Richmond, VA 23235 804/323-1144	Sheraton Park South 9901 Midlothian Turnpike Richmond, VA 23235 804/323-1144
Hotel Reservation Cut Off - March 12th	
<u>Certifiers at this site will be:</u> Sarah Hawks, NCMG & Chris Pawlosky, NCMG	
Last day to pre-register for this site is March 12th, 2010 Register Online- www.ndgaa.com	

Educational Workshop ... Sunday, March 28th, 2010
8:00 - 8:30 Sign In - Pick up workbooks & certificates of attendance.
8:30 - 12:00 Orientation & Breed Demo's on certifiable breeds.
12:00 - 1:00 LUNCH BREAK - On Your Own.
1:00 - 4:00 Special Skills & Techniques Program
Stripping, Thinning, Carding, Patterns
4:30 Written exams for those testing will be given at this time.
Certification Test Session ... Monday, March 29th, 2010
7:45 ... Sign In and Certification Test Set-Up
8:30 ... Testing begins in Non-Sporting, Sporting & Terrier breeds.

Registration Deadline Is: March 12th

WORKSHOP INFORMATION

NDGAA Workshops & Certification Testing were developed so all groomers may have the opportunity to participate in an innovative & educational workshop as well as provide a program so that they may have their grooming skills evaluated and certified. All groomers are encouraged to attend an NDGAA accredited workshop and are not required to register for the certification test.

All PRE-REGISTERED attendees will receive a certificate of attendance suitable for framing stating you have participated in an accredited NDGAA continuing educational workshop and NDGAA's official educational literature booklet to use as a reference in their shops. Time permitting we will discuss some of the topics: groomer health, independent contractors, proper shop set up, computerizing your grooming salon, occupational diseases, canine ear and nail care, scissor maintenance, first aid & accidents in the shop, safe usage of pesticides, pricing, lyme disease & carpal tunnel.

THE WORKSHOP WILL CONSIST OF:

• **Orientation ...** An extensive explanation of the testing procedure as well as NDGAA membership programs and benefits, followed by a question and answer session.

• **Breed Demo's ...** Demonstrations will consist of showing the proper breed profiles on certifiable breeds available to us at the site. Points that will be discussed include; breed conformation with emphasis on balance, symmetry and smoothness of finish.

• **Stripping, Thinning & Carding** - Whether you are new to these techniques or want to perfect your skills, our certifiers will show you the correct method of grooming a hard coat and what to do with a blown coat. We will go over the correct usage of stripping knives, thinning shears, stripping blocks and stripping with blades.

• **Patterns** - Certifiers will share with you the correct line placements on terrier and sporting breeds, as well as correct feet, ears and heads. We will also touch on how to evaluate the poodle for proper pattern placement and how to achieve the proper poodle topknot..

CERTIFICATION TESTING

Acceptable breeds for a NDGAA Workshop and Certification test are:

*Non-Sporting - Mini or Toy Poodle or Bichon, *Sporting - American or English Cocker Spaniel or English Springer. *Terrier - Long Legged breeds include: Miniature Schnauzer or Wire Fox Terrier or Bedlington, Kerry Blue or Soft Coated Wheaten. *Terrier - Short Legged breeds include: West Highland Terrier, Scottish Terrier, Sealyham Terrier or the Hand-stripped Cairn Terrier. *(choose 2 terriers, 1 from long-legged and 1 from short-legged).*

Please note: A 100 question written exam is administered with each phase. The Master Exam consists of 400 questions. Groomers registered for certification testing must supply their own dog(s) and equipment.

More information on the above breeds can be found in NDGAA's Breed Profile Guidelines. It is recommended that you purchase the guidelines as they will aid in your preparation for the workshop as well as the testing session.

Guidelines are available in the Non-Sporting, Sporting and Terrier groups (14 breeds in all). Order your guidelines using the attached form and enclose \$35.00 for the set and receive the written exams study guide sheet with sample questions, all NCMG written exam study materials, AKC Breed ID chart and the Workshop & Certification Program Guidelines.

You should attend at least one workshop before participating in the Certification Testing session. **All attendee's must be PRE-REGISTERED by the deadline date listed. Confirmation letter and map will be mailed approximately 7 days prior to this event. *Do not leave for this site until confirmation letter is received from NDGAA.**

QUESTIONS???

NDGAA, P.O. Box 101, Clark PA 16113
Ph (724) 962-2711 Fax (724) 962-1919
email - ndga@nationaldoggroomers.com

**For specific grooming/testing questions contact: Peggy Harris, Certif. Coord.
706/322-1023**

**Registration Deadline:
March 12th, 2010**

[] - Please send me an application to become a Registered member of NDGAA, along with a list of the many benefits offered. **(you need not be a member to attend the workshop and/or certification test)**. Mail to NDGAA, P.O. Box 101, Clark, PA 16113.

[] - I have enclosed \$35.00 for the breed profile guidelines (14 breeds in all), written exam study guide sheet, NCMG written exam study materials (pesticides, cat bathing procedures, AKC Breed ID chart and Workshop/Certification Guidelines).

WORKSHOP/CERTIFICATION TEST REGISTRATION FORM

Please Print

Name _____

Shop Name _____ Sh. Phone _____

Shop Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Address _____ Hm. Phone _____

City/State/Zip _____

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION \$125 per person - NDGAA Members pay \$110.....\$ _____

(\$150 at the door)

Membership# _____

CERTIFICATION TEST REGISTRATION \$125 per phase *(\$150 at the door)*

Are you certified in any other phases with NDGAA? List _____

Check off the phases you will be taking at this test site....

[] Non-Sporting-\$125 [] Sporting-\$125

[] Terrier (2 terriers)-\$125- or - LongLeg Tr \$75 [] ShortLeg Tr \$75 [] [] NCMG Exam-\$125

This \$125 fee **includes both the written and practical skills exam** in each breed group.

\$75 fee for each Terrier does NOT include Tr written exam - please check Tr written below.

If taking the practical skills exam you **MUST** also take the written exam.

You MUST be a NDGAA Member to take written exams only!

Fee for written exams only - \$60 per written test.

[] Non-Sporting -\$60 [] Sporting-\$60 [] Terrier -\$60

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED.....\$ _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT -[] Check/Money Order enclosed. **Bill my** [] Mastercard [] Visa.

Name on card _____ Expiration Date _____

Credit Card # _____ Amount\$ _____

Important Notice to Test Registrants: If you fail to report at the assigned time and area to take your written and/or practical examinations your testing fees for that phase will be forfeited. There will be no refunds or credits awarded for "No Shows".

All fees owed are payable to NDGAA, Box 101, Clark PA 16113 by check, money order or credit card and must accompany this application. (Fees will only be refunded in the event this site is canceled due to lack of interest or some unforeseen event). Cancellation may occur in the 10 days before the date of this event. Test fees will not be refunded if failure/excusal is enforced. Registration deadline for this site is **March 12th, 2010**

I agree to absolve the officers/consultants of any legal claim for loss or injury to myself, my dog(s) or equipment while attending NDGAA's Workshop/Certification site. I agree to abide by the rules & regulations and to accept the Certifier's decision as final and binding.

Signature _____ Date _____