



MAJOR'S GROOMER SAFETY CHECKLIST



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Because every pet deserves to come home safe.

Use this checklist when choosing a groomer or before every grooming appointment.
Don't be afraid to ask questions — your pet's safety matters.



1. SAFETY & SUPERVISION

- Is my pet supervised at all times, including during drying?
- Are dogs never left unattended on tables, in cages, or in tubs?
- Are there multiple staff members on site during all grooming hours?
- What is your staff-to-dog ratio?



2. DRYING & TEMPERATURE SAFETY

- Do you use cage dryers?
- If yes, are they heated?
- What temperature do you set the dryer at?
- How do you monitor the temperature?
- Do you have emergency shut-off controls?
- How do you prevent overheating?



3. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

- What is your emergency protocol?
- Are staff trained in Pet CPR and First Aid?
- Do you have immediate access to a veterinarian?
- Do you have a written emergency plan?
- Do you have a way to contact me immediately if needed?



4. HANDLING & STRESS REDUCTION

- How do you ensure a low-stress experience?
- Are fear-free or gentle handling techniques used?
- Will you stop the groom if my pet shows signs of stress?
- Do you groom one dog at a time (one-on-one) or in small groups?
- Do you groom senior dogs or pets with medical conditions? How do you adjust care for them?



5. FACILITY & CLEANLINESS

- Is your facility clean, well-ventilated, and maintained?
- Are tools and equipment sanitized between each pet?
- How do you handle accidents or injuries?



6. INSURANCE & CREDENTIALS

- Do you carry liability insurance?
- Are you certified (e.g., AKC S.A.F.E. Groomer, Fear Free, Pet CPR/First Aid)?
- Can I see proof of certification and insurance?



TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS
If something doesn't feel right, keep looking.
You know your pet best.



This checklist is not a substitute for your own judgment.
Always ask questions and advocate for your pet.