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Competition Regulations

General

The contestant can apply for the following categories:

- Handstrip
- Spaniels and Setters
- Poodles
- Other pure breeds and mixed breeds

One can compete in one of three levels per category

1. Not yet certified. You will receive a judgement, but no ranking.
 2. Certified but only little or no experience in competition (max. 1 entry in an international competition)
 3. Certified groomers with experience in taking part in competitions
- Contestants will bring a dog themselves.
 - Contestants of each class have 2,5 hours time.
 - Each contestant will bring their own grooming utensils.
 - The organisation of the Certo Grooming Event will provide the tables.
 - Before each category starts the dogs will be pre judged.
 - The contestants need to be in the ring 15 minutes before the prejudging starts (9.00 hrs and 13.00 hrs)
 - For the levels 2 and 3, three contestants will be placed in each category.
 - Out of the eight numbers 1 the winner of this event will be chosen.

The dogs

- The dogs will need to be washed (except for the handstrip dogs)
- The ears and nails need to be clean and groomed
- The area around the genitals needs to be shaved
- The dog needs to have a coat of at least 8 weeks
- All grooming techniques are allowed, as long as the chosen technique suites the type of coat of the dog

Handstrip Category

- The dog needs to be clean
- The use of a blunt stripping knife is permitted
- The dog needs to be groomed according to the standards of their breed

Spaniels and Setters Category

- The dog needs to be washed
- The dog needs to be groomed according to the standards of their breed

Poodles Category

- The dog needs to be washed and dried with a hairdryer
- No shaving pattern may be seen at the start
- The muzzle and feet may be shaved beforehand
- Each model is excepted, as long as it suits the breed and the dog
- It's favourable to groom and model the largest part with grooming scissors

Other pure breed and mixed breeds Category

- The dog needs to be washed
- In case it's a particular breed, the dog needs to be groomed according to the grooming standards of that breed.
- A mixed breed dog should be modelled with a technique that suits the coat

Judgement

The individual judges need to be in contact with the contestants during the competition, when the situation request that. The contestants may ask questions for explanation and judges may hand down feedback.

The judges will note the way the contestant deals with feedback.

The following topics will be subject of judging:

- choice and appliance of grooming techniques
- level of grooming
- appliance of the grooming model, balance, symmetry and finishing touch
- handling and relationship with the dog
- method of working
- presentation