

Where Do I Find Practice Dogs?

Building Your Hands-On Experience

Hands-on experience is a key part of becoming a confident, skilled groomer.

In this program, you'll practice on real dogs as you build your technique. You don't need access to a salon to get started. Many students begin right from their own community.

The good news? Most students find dogs more easily than they expect. Many students start with just a few dogs and build a steady routine as they progress through the hands-on practice required in the program.

WHERE TO START

- **Family, friends, and neighbors**
- **Social media and community groups**
- **Dog parks (connect with pet parents)**
- **Veterinary clinics**
- **Dog trainers & training clubs**
- **Breed or kennel clubs**
- **Animal shelters and rescues**
- **Kennels or doggie daycares**

BUILD EXPERIENCE IN A SALON

- Reach out to local grooming salons
- Ask about internships, bather, or assistant roles
- Start building real-world experience while you train

READY TO LEARN MORE?

Have questions or want to see if this is a good fit for you? Scan the QR code to connect with our Client Support Specialist

- Get a personalized program overview
- Talk through your schedule and goals
- Learn how students successfully find practice dogs

