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Don't miss these exciting  
NDGAA, Inc. Seminars

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June 8, 9 & 10, 2012  
3rd Annual Colorado GroomFest  
Competition & Trade Show  
Denver, CO

(show program available in mid-march '12)

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Oct 26th, 27th & 28th, 2012  
27th Annual "Fun In The Sun"  
Competition & Trade Show  
Orlando, FL

(show program available in mid-august '12)

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WWW.NDGAA.COM**

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

**A Continuing Educational Workshop  
and Certification Testing Session  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL**

*March 25th & 26th, 2012*

**Workshop & Test Location**



**Merryfield Academy**

5040 NE 13th Ave.

Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33334 -- 954-771-4030



Overnight Accommodations - Extended Stay, Cypress Creek,  
5851 N Andrews Ave., Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309 954-776-9447  
\$25 per day pet fee (non-refundable).

**Last day to pre-register for this site - March 9th**

Register Online at: [www.ndgaa.com](http://www.ndgaa.com)

Certifiers: Julie Ostoski, NCMG & Irina Pinkusevich, NCMG

*Educational Workshop ... Sunday, March 25th, 2012*

8:00 - 8:30 . Sign In - Pick up workbooks/certificates (preregistered only)

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.

*Private Certification Test Session ... Monday, March 26th, 2012*

7:45 ... Sign In and Certification Test Set-Up.

8:30 ... Testing begins in Non-Sporting, Sporting & Terrier breeds.

**Registration Deadline Is: March 9th**

NDGAA, Inc., P.O. Box 101, Clark, PA 16113  
724-962-2711 [ndga@nationaldoggroomers.com](mailto:ndga@nationaldoggroomers.com)

**Workshop Information** - Our Workshop & Certification program was developed so all groomers may have the opportunity to participate in an innovative & educational workshop as well as provide a way 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.

PRE-REGISTERED attendees will receive a certificate of attendance suitable for framing and our 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..

**Acceptable breeds for the Certification Testing Session 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).

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 guidelines using the attached form, enclose \$35 for the set and receive the written exams study guide sheet with sample questions, all NCMG written exam study materials, AKC Dog ID chart and Workshop/Certification Prog. Guidelines.

You must attend at least one workshop before participating in the Certification Testing session.

**QUESTIONS???**  
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 email - [ndga@nationaldoggroomers.com](mailto:ndga@nationaldoggroomers.com)  
 Register online: [www.ndgaa.com](http://www.ndgaa.com)  
 For specific grooming/testing questions contact:  
 Wendy Booth Certification Coordinator  
 719-632-5446 [w\\_booth@comcast.net](mailto:w_booth@comcast.net)

**PRE-REGISTER BY  
 March 9th, 2012**

[ ] - 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 Dog ID chart and Workshop/Certification Guidelines.

**Workshop & Certification Testing Pre-registration Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Shop Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sh. Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Shop Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Hm. Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION ..... \$125 per person .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

(\$150 at the door if space is available)

Membership# \_\_\_\_\_ NDGAA Members pay \$110.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

CERTIFICATION TEST REGISTRATION \$125 per phase- (\$150 at the door if space is available)

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\* \*select Tr written [ ] 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.

NDGAA Member#  If taking the practical skills exam you MUST also take the written exam.

You MUST be a Member to take written exams only!

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

TOTAL ENCLOSED.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Are you certified in any other phases with NDGAA? List \_\_\_\_\_

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 9th, 2012.**

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 \_\_\_\_\_