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Don't miss this exciting  
NDGAA, Inc. Seminar

October 27, 28 & 29, 2017  
31st Annual "Fun In The Sun"  
Competition & Trade Show

Wyndham Resort, Orlando, FL  
(show program available in mid-august '17)

Pre-register @  
**WWW.NDGAA.COM**

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

## A Continuing Educational Workshop and Certification Testing Session **Birmingham, AL**

April 1st & 2nd, 2017

### Workshop & Test Location



**Happy Hounds Pet Spa**  
2539 John Hawkins Pky #145  
Hoover, AL 35244  
205-419-0115



Overnight Accommodations - La Quinta,  
120 Riverchase Pky East, Hoover, AL 35244 ph 205-403-0096

**Last day to pre-register for this site - March 17th**

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

Certifiers: Judy Hudson, NCMG & Chris Pawlosky, NCMG

#### Educational Workshop ... Saturday April 1st, 2017

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 - 4:30 .... Special Skills & Techniques Program

5:00 .... Written exams for those testing will be given at this time.

Stripping, Thinning,  
Carding, Patterns

#### Private Certification Test Session ... Sunday, April 2nd, 2017

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

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

**Registration Deadline Is: March 17th**

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 \$45 for the set and receive the written exams study guide sheet with sample questions, NCMG written exam study materials and Workshop/Certification Program Guidelines. (AKC Book, AKC ID Chart & Notes from the Grooming Table book sold separately).

You must 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 14 days prior to this event

**QUESTIONS???**  
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 Ph (724) 962-2711 Fax (724) 962-1919  
 email - [ndga@nationaldoggroomers.com](mailto:ndga@nationaldoggroomers.com)  
 Register online: [www.ndgaa.com](http://www.ndgaa.com)  
 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 17, 2017**

[ ] - I have enclosed \$45 for the breed profile guidelines (14 breeds in all), written exam study guide sheet, NCMG written exam study materials (pesticides, cat bathing procedures and Workshop/Certification Guidelines).

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 Shop Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sh. Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
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 City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**WORKSHOP REGISTRATION** ..... \$125 per person .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (\$150 at the door if space is available)  
 Membership# \_\_\_\_\_ NDGAA Members pay \$110.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

NCMG's pay special workshop fee of \$75 .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**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.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**METHOD OF PAYMENT** - [ ] Check/Money Order enclosed. Bill my [ ] Mastercard [ ] Visa. [ ] AmEx [ ] Disc.  
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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 17th**. Confirmation letter will be mailed on **March 20th**  
 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 \_\_\_\_\_