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On the Job Hunt: One for the Dogs

December 16, 2009 - 1:15 PM | by: Orlando Salinas

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It's one career that IS going to the dogs-- in a great way! Pet grooming is an industry that continues to see steady growth in America.

According to petgroomer.com, on any given day, there are between two and 3,000 pet grooming jobs here in the United States. Jobs that pay on average a minimum of \$200 a day - plus tips! At the Merryfield School of Pet Grooming in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Gregg Docktor says his school has seen a steady increase in the number of students who are switching careers and learning the art of grooming family pets.

From high school graduates to bankers and realtors... these future professional groomers learn on dogs of all sizes.

Big and small, from purebreds to mutts and even rescue animals, most dogs are well behaved, although some are biters. Students learn how to deal with them too.

The course runs eight months, around 600 hours, and interestingly enough, there currently is no certification required to become a groomer.

Docktor says he hires America's top groomers to teach his students; right now, he doesn't have enough students to fill good paying jobs.

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glad to see people busting their butts to make ends meet. go dog go

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I always wanted to wipe a dog's butt to make a living! Must be an Obango job stimulus program!

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It took about 3yrs to grow a steady clientel base, but now after 12yrs in the pet grooming business I avg \$50k per year and it has appears to be recession proof. Folks will always spend money on their "kids" and to most of my clientel, their pets are their kids.

December 16, 2009 at 4:12 PM

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Tim Krauss

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I think this is a up and coming profession or side job. For many people this will be like trying to become a masseuse. Good intentions to start but then people dont have the will to stick with it. Building a business takes time, I know that personally as a small business owner. So if you get into dog grooming, do it well and get into it for the long haul - www.timsjobnews.com

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john

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This guy may be on to something, the country IS going to the dogs.

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cyndi jones


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i agree, my business continues to grow, despite the economy

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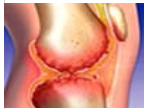
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