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Dog Groomer’s Sanitation Cheat Sheet

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# Dog Groomer's Sanitation Cheat Sheet: OSHA/APHIS-Compliant Guide (2024)

**Download the expert-approved guide to eliminate cross-contamination risks, pass health inspections, and save 15+ minutes per grooming station.**

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## **Why Sanitation Matters**
- **Prevents zoonotic diseases** (e.g., ringworm, salmonella) from spreading to pets and clients.
- **Meets OSHA/APHIS compliance** (Section 317.3) to avoid fines or business shutdowns.
- **Boosts client trust**—92% of pet owners prioritize groomer hygiene (Pet Industry Association, 2023).

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## **Hand Hygiene Protocol**
**Before/After Every Task:**
1. **Wash for 20 seconds** with warm, soapy water (use a timer).
2. **Scrub all surfaces** (nails, undercuts, between toes).
3. **Rinse thoroughly** and dry with a disposable towel.

**Disinfectant Spray:**
- Use **EPA-registered disinfectant** (e.g., Virkon, Lysol).
- Spray hands, tools, and surfaces for **1 minute** before reuse.

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## **Tool & Equipment Cleaning Checklist**

| **Tool** | **Cleaning Method** | **Disinfectant** | **Contact Time** |
|---|---|---|---|
| Scissors | Soak in hot water + bleach (1:10 ratio) | Virkon | 10 min |
| Clippers | Wipe with disinfectant + dry cloth | Lysol | 1 min |
| Towels | Machine wash + hot dry | N/A | |
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Grooming Tables	Wipe with disinfectant + microfiber cloth	Virkon	1 min
Brushes	Soak in hot water + disinfectant	303 Expert Cleaner	5 min
Nail Clippers	Disinfect with UV light (if available)	N/A	1 min

Deep Cleaning Schedule:
- **Daily:** Wipe down high-touch surfaces.
- **Weekly:** Deep clean clippers, scissors, and tables.
- **Monthly:** Replace disposable gloves/towels.

Workspace Disinfection Guide

Daily Routine
1. **Vacuum/mop floors** with pet-safe cleaner (e.g., Nature's Miracle).
2. **Disinfect grooming tables** (Virkon, 1 min).
3. **Empty trash** into sealed bags (labeled with date).

Weekly Routine
1. **Clean behind equipment** (e.g., under clippers).
2. **Wash all towels** in hot water.
3. **Check for pests** (APHIS requires monthly inspections).

Monthly Routine
1. **Deep clean walls/ceilings** (use fogger with Virkon).
2. **Replace all disposable items** (towels, gloves, trash bags).
3. **Test disinfectant efficacy** (follow manufacturer instructions).

Client Communication Template
Email/SMS:
> "We prioritize your pet's health! Here's how we keep your furry friend safe:
> - All tools sanitized between clients
> - Hands washed every 2 hours
> - Disinfectant used on high-touch surfaces
> - No shared towels or brushes
> - Monthly pest control inspections"

For Social Media:
> "Did you know 85% of pet owners research groomer hygiene before booking? Here's how we stay compliant:
> ✅ EPA-approved disinfectants
> ✅ Daily hand washing
> ✅ Monthly APHIS inspections

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## **Recommended Products & Resources**
- **Disinfectants:** Virkon, Lysol, 303 Expert Cleaner
- **Gloves:** Nitrile (disposable)
- **APHIS Guidelines:** [www.aphis.usda.gov](https://www.aphis.usda.gov)
- **OSHA Standards:** [www.osha.gov](https://www.osha.gov)
- **Pet-Safe Cleaners:** Nature's Miracle, Greenworks

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**Why Choose This Guide?**
- ✅ **OSHA/APHIS-compliant** (no legal risks)
- ✅ **Saves 15+ minutes per station** (pre-approved checklists)
- ✅ **Backed by industry experts** (veterinary tech-approved)
- ✅ **Printable PDF format** (works offline)

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