BIG DAY OUT FOR DOGS 2026
Canine Grooming Open Show Schedule

DOGS VICTORIA
YOUR CANINE COMMUNITY

One day competition. No championship points awarded. Open to the general public, both members & non members of ANKC

Venue: KCC Park, State Dog Centre, 655 Westernport Highway, Skye VIC 3977
Date: Sunday 13 December 2026
Doors: 7:00 am
Show closes: 5:00 pm
Entries close: To be confirmed
Judges: To be announced. Profiles published three months prior to the date.

1.CLASSES OFFERED

Four main classes and two special classes are offered. Classes are split across the two sessions so that competitors can enter more than one.

Hand Stripping (Dogs Australia Group 1) Levels A, B, C —morning
Scissoring (Group 4) Levels A, B, C —morning
Doodle My Pure Breed(Special Class, Rule 2.6.1 (d))One level — morning
Spaniel & Setter(Group 2) Levels A, B, C —afternoon
Poodle (Group 3) Levels A, B, C —afternoon
Asian Fusion(Special Class, Rule 2.6.1 (a))One level — afternoon

Levels

Level C, Novice. Under 2 years grooming experience. Moves up after 2 years, or after winning at Novice against 4 or more competitors.

Level B, Intermediate. Won a Novice class, or over 2 years experience, or a Novice electing to enter up. Moves up after winning against 4 or more competitors.

Level A, Advanced. Over 4 years grooming experience.

2.GROOMING TIME ALLOCATIONS

Each breed is allocated one of five grooming times, taken from the Dogs Australia Open Show Time Allocation chart. All competitors in a session begin together. Finish times are staggered according to each breed.
Code 1 — 1 hour 45 minutes
Code 2 — 2 hours
Code 3 — 2 hours 15 minutes
Code 4 — 2 hours 30 minutes
Code 5 — 2 hours 45 minutes
Spray-ups — additional 20 minutes

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3. TIMETABLE

Morning Session — Hand Stripping, Scissoring and Doodle My Pure Breed

7:00 am — Check-in counter opens. Pre-contest photographs.
7:30 am — All competitors in the ring for pre-judging.
7:45 am — Check-in counter closes.
8:00 am — Grooming commences.
9:30 to 9:40 am— Mandatory break. Competition clock stopped.
10:00 to 11:30 am— Completions, judging and presentations.
11:30 am to 12:15 pm— Lunch and ring reset.

Morning scissors - down times, inclusive of the ten minute break stoppage:

1 hour 45 minutes— 9:55 am
2 hours — 10:10 am
2 hours 15 minutes— 10:25 am
2 hours 30 minutes— 10:40 am
2 hours 45 minutes— 10:55 am

Afternoon Session — Spaniel & Setter, Poodle and Asian Fusion

11:30 am — Afternoon check-in opens.
12:00 pm — All competitors in the ring for pre-judging.
12:15 pm — Afternoon check-in closes.
12:30 pm — Grooming commences.
1:30 to 1:40 pm— Mandatory break. Competition clock stopped.
2:30 to 3:45 pm— Completions, judging and presentations.
4:00 pm — General Specials and verbal critiques.
5:00 pm — Show closes.

Afternoon scissors-down times, inclusive of the ten minute break stoppage:

1 hour 45 minutes— 2:25 pm
2 hours — 2:40 pm
2 hours 15 minutes— 2:55 pm
2 hours 30 minutes— 3:10 pm
Poodle Toy with spray-up— 2:45 pm
Poodle Miniature with spray-up — 3:00 pm
Poodle Standard with spray-up — 3:15 pm

4.BREEDS AND GROOMING TIMES

Group 1 — Hand Stripping

Affenpinscher — 1 hr 45 min
Airedale Terrier— 2 hrs 45 min
Australian Terrier— 2 hrs
Basset Fauve de Bretagne— 2 hrs
Border Terrier — 1 hr 45 min
Cairn Terrier — 2 hrs
Dachshund Wire (Miniature)— 1 hr 45 min
Dachshund Wire (Standard)— 2 hrs
Dandie Dinmont Terrier— 2 hrs
Deerhound — 2 hrs 15 min
Fox Terrier (Wire)— 2 hrs 30 min
German Wirehaired Pointer— 2 hrs
Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen — 2 hrs 30 min
Griffon Bruxellois— 1 hr 45 min
Hungarian Wirehaired Vizsla— 2 hrs
Irish Terrier — 2 hrs
Irish Wolfhound— 2 hrs
Italian Spinone— 2 hrs
Jack Russell Terrier— 1 hr 45 min
Lakeland Terrier — 2 hrs 30 min
Norfolk Terrier— 2 hrs
Norwich Terrier— 2 hrs
Parson Russell Terrier— 1 hr 45 min
Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen — 2 hrs
Schnauzer (Standard)— 2 hrs 15 min
Schnauzer (Giant)— 2 hrs 45 min
Schnauzer (Miniature)— 2 hrs
Scottish Terrier— 2 hrs
Sealyham Terrier— 2 hrs
Welsh Terrier — 2 hrs 30 min
West Highland White Terrier— 2 hrs

This class covers all hand-stripped breeds, not terriers only. Non-terrier breeds eligible here include the Affenpinscher, Basset Fauve de Bretagne, Dachshund Wire, Deerhound, German Wirehaired Pointer, Grand and Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen, Griffon Bruxellois, Hungarian Wirehaired Vizsla, Irish Wolfhound, Italian Spinone and Schnauzer in all sizes.

Clippers are permitted on the following breeds, on the areas listed only. Schnauzer: ears, head, neck and inside of back legs. Scottish Terrier: ears, head and neck. West Highland White Terrier: ears and neck. Sealyham Terrier: ears, head and neck.

Group 2 — Spaniel & Setter
American Cocker Spaniel— 2 hrs 15 min
Brittany Spaniel— 2 hrs
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel — 1 hr 45 min
Clumber Spaniel— 2 hrs
English Cocker Spaniel— 2 hrs 15 min
English Springer Spaniel— 2 hrs 30 min
Field Spaniel — 2 hrs
King Charles Spaniel— 1 hr 45 min
Sussex Spaniel— 2 hrs
Welsh Springer Spaniel— 2 hrs 15 min
English Setter— 2 hrs 15 min
Gordon Setter — 2 hrs 15 min
Irish Red & White Setter — 2 hrs 15 min
Irish Setter — 2 hrs 15 min

Group 3 — Poodle
Poodle (Toy) — 1 hour 45 minutes
Poodle (Miniature)— 2 hours
Poodle (Standard)— 2 hours 15 minutes

No restriction on size or hairstyle. Permitted trims are Continental, English Saddle, Puppy Trim for dogs under 15 months, Second Puppy Trim, German, Lamb or Modern, Modified Continental and Sporting. Spray-up entries receive an additional 20 minutes, added at the end of their allocation.

Group 4 — Scissoring
Bedlington Terrier— 2 hrs
Bichon Frisé — 2 hrs
Black Russian Terrier— 2 hrs 15 min
Bouvier des Flandres— 2 hrs 15 min
Cesky Terrier — 1 hr 45 min
Irish Water Spaniel— 2 hrs 15 min

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Kerry Blue Terrier— 2 hrs 15 min
Lagotto Romagnolo— 2 hrs
Portuguese Water Dog— 2 hrs
Pumi — 2 hrs
Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier— 2 hrs 15 min
All Other Purebred Scissoring — 2 hrs

All Other Purebred Scissoring covers the remaining Dogs Australia Group 4 breeds: Afghan Hound, Australian Shepherd, Border Collie, Chinese Crested, Chow Chow, German Shepherd Dog, Japanese Spitz, Old English Sheepdog, Pomeranian, Samoyed, Shetland Sheepdog and Shih Tzu.

Doodle My Pure Breed — Special Class
Groom any dog to achieve an ANKC recognised breed standard. Dogs may be altered, modified and coloured. Open to crossbreeds and purebreds.
Under 28 cm at the withers— 1 hour 45 minutes
Over 28 cm at the withers— 2 hours

Times are taken from the Dogs Australia Open Show Time Allocation chart, Group 5 Salon Freestyle, sub-class 5a Purebred and Mixed Bred Dogs. Applied under Show Organiser discretion, Rule 2.17 (d).

Asian Fusion — Special Class
Teddy trim with an Asian flair. Some colouring, clothes and accessories are permitted. Coat carving is permitted, including spirals, wings and love hearts.
Under 28 cm at the withers— 1 hour 45 minutes
Over 28 cm at the withers— 2 hours

Dogs Australia does not publish a separate allocation for special classes. The Group 5 size split is applied under Show Organiser discretion, Rule 2.17 (d).

5. AWARDS AND PRESENTATION ORDER

General Specials commence at 4:00 pm and run in the following order.
1. Level placings — ribbons for first, second and third in each Level of each class.
2. Best in Group —Level A winners. Awarded in Hand Stripping, Spaniel & Setter, Poodle and Scissoring. Ribbon only.
3. Best in Show — the four Best in Group first place winners.
4. Best in Level B —Level B first place winners from the four main groups.
5. Best in Level C —Level C first place winners from the four main groups.
6. Best Doodle My Pure Breed in Show.
7. Best Asian Fusion in Show.
8. Verbal critiques —judges available to all competitors.

6.ENTRY FEES

Dogs Victoria member— $60 per entry
Non-member — $90 per entry

One flat fee applies to every class, including Doodle My Pure Breed and Asian Fusion.

- Fees are per entry. A competitor entering two classes pays two entry fees.
- Dogs Victoria membership number must be supplied at the time of entry to qualify for the member rate. Membership status is verified at check-in.
- Cancellation of entry may incur a 5 per cent administration and processing fee. No refund will be made after the closing date of entries.
- Payment is due at the time of entry. Entries are not confirmed until payment is received.

7.CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- Competitors must be over 18 years of age. Entrants under 18 require parental consent.
- Proof of vaccination must be produced if required by the organiser.
- Dogs must not be groomed for 60 days or more prior to the competition, with the exception of the flatwork areas of stripping breeds, which may be groomed up to 20 days prior.
- Poodle Puppy Clip models must be under 15 months of age.
- Dogs are to be presented clean, dry and free of mats and tangles, with nails clipped or filed and ears clean. Sanitary areas and pads may be clipped prior to the show.
- No changes will be made after the closing date without the approval of the member body.
- Entry constitutes acceptance of the Dogs Australia Code of Conduct and Ethics and the Code of Practice governing conflicts of interest between judges and competitors.

8.IN THE RING

•Phones, radios and headsets are prohibited.
•Coaching by any person at any time is prohibited, including during the break.
•Visual or written instructions are prohibited.
•Appropriate grooming attire is required. Open toe shoes are not permitted.
•Clothing, badges or garments displaying salon, kennel, brand, sponsor or ambassador identification must not be worn in or in view of the judging ring.
•Dogs must not be left unattended at any time.
•Competitors are responsible for clearing all clipped hair and cleaning up after their dog, both inside and outside the venue.
•Any pre-existing colour must be removed or trimmed out by the end of the groom, with the exception of the Doodle My Pure Breed and Asian Fusion classes.

9.RING SET-UP AND EQUIPMENT

•Each competitor is allocated a minimum of 170 cm in length by 150 cm in width, with a 50 cm walkway.
•Cordless equipment only. No power is supplied and electrical connections in the ring are prohibited.
•Competitors supply their own dogs, grooming tools and grooming table.
•Grooming arms are permitted. Points will be deducted where a dog is found to be short of breath on the table.
•Water is available for dogs and competitors at the break.

10. SPONSORSHIP

Each class and show award may carry one sponsor. Sponsor names are announced by the MC, printed on the schedule and results sheet, and displayed on signage at the grooming ring.

Class sponsors

A class sponsor covers all three levels of that class, providing prizes for first, second and third place in each. Nine prizes in total.
Hand Stripping(morning) — sponsor: .....
Scissoring(morning) — sponsor: .....
Spaniel & Setter(afternoon) — sponsor: .....
Poodle(afternoon) — sponsor: .....

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Special class sponsors
A special class runs at one level. Three prizes, for first, second and third place.
Doodle My Pure Breed(morning) — sponsor: .....
Asian Fusion(afternoon) — sponsor: .....

Show award sponsors
Best in Show carries three prizes, for first, second and third. The remaining awards carry one prize each. Show award sponsors present their award and appear in the presentation photographs. Best in Group is a ribbon only and is not sponsored.
Best in Show — sponsor: .....
Best in Level B— sponsor: .....
Best in Level C— sponsor: .....
Best Doodle My Pure Breed in Show —sponsor: .....
Best Asian Fusion in Show— sponsor: .....

Sponsorship bookings close Friday 6 November 2026.

Payment and prizes are due by Friday 27 November 2026, delivered to the Dogs Victoria office at KCC Park.

Under Dogs Australia Rule 1.14.7 (e), a competitor may not enter under a judge who holds the same sponsorship or brand ambassadorship. Rule 1.14.7 (f) prevents a Show Manager's own sponsored groomer from entering. The sponsor list is cross-checked against the judging panel before entries open.

Enquiries to the Show Manager. Full competition rules are available in the Dogs Australia Rules for the Conduct of Canine Grooming Competitions