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- **Classes 1-3 will be subdivided into Open & Champion sections. Placings 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> will be awarded in each section. If you have previously won this particular class you must compete in the Champion section.**
- **To be eligible for the Irish Groomer Of the Year you must enter 2 of the classes 1-3; open or champion section , and be working as a groomer on the island of Ireland.**
- **The Novice Class is open to competitors who have not been previously placed in other competitions {with the exception of Oster Career Start }. It is a Class aimed at newcomers to grooming. It is intended for those grooming less then 3 years.**
- **Oster Career Start – participants in this class must provide & use Oster clippers & blades during the competition {IMPORTANT :Clippers presented on the day will not be available for use in the competition }. They are responsible for supplying all their own equipment including table & post. Entrants must be grooming no more then 1 year and have not competed before.**
- **Creative styling class is open to all groomers. Anything goes {example ~ colours / shaping/ props etc } as long as the dogs welfare is not affected or compromised.**
- **The “Individual Dog Trophy” is open to competitors who just compete in one of the classes 1-3 ; open or champion section.**
- **To be eligible for the International Trophy will must live & work outside “ the island of Ireland”**
- **Our International competitors are to be awarded separate 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> placings within the Clipped, Scissored and Handstrip classes. A “Best International” will then be decided.**
- **“Best in Show” will be decided between “Best International” and “Irish Groomer of the Year”**
- **No casual Competition entries accepted on the day.**
- **If you have any queries about class eligibility or any of the above guideline please contact us asap to help resolve your questions. [info@ipdga.com](mailto:info@ipdga.com) or Jenny 353- 1- 6274025**
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- **Generous prizes are supplied by our class sponsors { updated as confirmed on website } along with rosettes and trophies for the winners to keep supplied by the Association. Some of the class winners are presented with a perpetual Trophy, which is to be returned prior to the following year’s competition**

Directions to venue on site [www.ipdga.com](http://www.ipdga.com)



## Irish Grooming Championships 10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> October 2009

Venue “Roadstone Social Club” – {west side of Dublin}  
We look forward to welcoming our judges

***Colin Taylor & Heidi Anderton***

Both highly regarded within the International Grooming World

These Championships are open to all groomers

This year we are very excited to have again “Oster Career Start” class  
and to launch our new creative styling class

Also in attendance our Professional Photographer for a special  
memento of your dog’s big day out

Association website [www.ipdga.com](http://www.ipdga.com) for further information,  
updates, accommodation directions etc or email  
[info@ipdga.com](mailto:info@ipdga.com)

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## Classes

### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October

**Class 1 Scissored** – dogs to have a suggested 8 weeks growth.

Dogs to be on the table ready for pre-competition inspection at 8.30 am

Class starts at 9.00 am

**Class 2 Handstrip**- dogs to have a suggested 12 weeks growth

Dogs to be on the table ready for pre-competition inspection at 1.00 pm

Class starts at 1.30 pm

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October

**Class 3 Clipped** – dogs to have a suggested 8 weeks growth.

Dogs to be on the table ready for pre-competition inspection at 8.30 am

Class starts at 9.00 am

**Class 4 Novice** - dogs to have a suggested 8 weeks growth.

Dogs can clipped, scissored or handstripped.

Dogs to be on the table ready for pre-competition inspection at 8.30 am

Class starts at 9.00 am

**Class 5 “Oster Career Start”** - Sponsored by Oster.

Open to new groomers

Dogs to be on the table ready for pre-competition inspection at 12.30pm

Class starts at 1.00 pm

**Class 6 “Creative Styling”** - Sponsored by Heidi Anderton of

Absolutely Animals      Open to all groomers

Dogs to be on the table ready for pre-competition inspection at 12.30pm

Class starts at 1.00 pm

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## Competition Rules/Guidelines

- You are required to provide and prepare a suitable dog within the time frame laid out.
- Unnatural colouring of dogs is only permitted in Creative Styling class
- Time limits for all 6 classes are 2 hours for dogs up to 18 inches. Dogs over 18 inches and any handstrip are allowed 2 and ½ hours.
- Competitors must supply and are responsible for all their own equipment - including tables, clippers, blades etc.
- You are responsible for any dog you bring along this includes a cage where required and cleaning up any mess made by your dog in or in the surrounds of the competition building. A separate cage area is provided for your dogs comfort please use it.
- Dogs presented for all classes should be freshly washed {Note: handstrip class only if required} & dried and totally tangle free
- Pre competition trimming allowed extends only to groin/hygiene area and under pads
- Ears, nails and anal glands and dematting should be attended to as part of the pre competition preparation before you reach the venue/
- Remember the amount of coat growth is suggested as a guideline prior to competition, this can differ with the individual dog - some dogs may need more time then the guidelines and some less. You want to have enough coat to be able to work with and show your skills.
- The results of Classes 1 & 2 will be announced on Saturday
- The results of Classes 3, 4, 5 & 6, “Individual Dog” Trophy and Overall Irish Groomer of the Year , Best International and Best in Show will be announced on Sunday after all judging has been completed.
- Judges decision will be final- marks are given for preparation, taking note of whether the dog is clean and well presented with nails and ears done prior to entering the competition. Neat & tidy clipping lines will carry good marks as will good technique and finish with scissoring and hand stripping. The suitability of the trim for the dog will be taken into account. Balance and shape are also very important.