



# June Newsletter 2011

2<sup>nd</sup> Edition

Welcome to our June newsletter. It has been another exciting 3 months at our school with lots of visitors and events happening. We were very fortunate to have Vivian Nash who is the owner of Nash Academy in the USA and the International Judges Association ( IJA ) come and stay with us for 3 weeks at our school. Our students gained a wealth of knowledge not only about grooming but also about the industry and business side which was immeasurable. We had a lot of fun and she definitely is inspiring to be around. During Vivian's stay we also held our latest grooming contest the Purina Groomquest 2011 at Castle Hill in Sydney . We had over 40 groomers compete over 2 days and it was a great success with some beautiful work shining through. Congratulations to all our students who competed and to Wendy Wouters who won Best In Show with a great hand strip on a terrier. One of our International judges commented that it was the best hand strip she had ever seen. A great accolade indeed. After the contest Christine & Vivian headed off to South Korea for 4 days to judge a grooming contest and had a great experience and more stories to tell. Especially the skype message I got to say Christine was missing. (She wasn't thankfully but that's for another newsletter ). On Christine's return from Korea Chris & I headed up to Brisbane for the Purina Bark In The Park day. We organised 400 baths and 200 odd grooms ( not bad for a days work ) The following week we organised 32 groomers and bathers for our annual pilgrimage to the Sydney leg of BITP. Fortunately the weather held it together and we got through approximately 450 baths and another mid 200 grooms. The Grooming School has been involved in this event since it's inception in 2008 and have organised the grooming staff in Sydney , Melbourne & Brisbane. It is a lot of fun ( and a lot of hard work ). Past and present students help out and we always come away with a lot of stories. Thanks to all those who helped out. Next year won't take that long to come around. Our online courses are getting some great reviews and really are the best educational material we have seen. I will put up some testimonials on the website soon so you can get some feedback. In the meantime if anyone would like to speak to someone who has completed the course, let me know and I will put you in contact by e-mail or phone. With Winter approaching the industry in general slows down a little. Now is a good opportunity to upgrade your skills or get that certification you have been meaning to organise. Also if you have been sitting on the fence and wanting to get started on your grooming career there's no time like the present. ( CHECK OUT OUR NEW PROMOTION). We now have payment options to help get you started and can organise free accommodation during your course. The online gives you a great headstart before you commence your practical skills and we are seeing great results in speeding up your learning process. It is an exciting career path and we are always here to discuss your future. Send us an Email or give us a call and we are always happy to answer any questions you may have and discuss your options. We also now offer grooming courses in cats, horses & rabbits. Till next newsletter

Happy Grooming