



Owensboro Convention Center

May 28 - 31, 2026

501 West 2nd St.

Owensboro, KY 42301



Merch is available

T-shirts & Hoodies at The Whitman's booth.

Competition Event (1st floor)
 Education Classes(3rd floor)

Seminar Time

Room A
 3rd Floor

Room B
 3rd Floor

Room C
 3rd Floor

Room D
 3rd Floor

12pm

1pm

2pm

3pm

4pm

5pm

6pm

7pm

8pm

9pm

Welcome to the RWGroomX!!

Vendor Move-IN 10am-10pm

Attendees/Trade Show Attendees/Educational Attendees REGISTRATION starts at 2:00pm Thursday CST

Vendor Move-In 10AM Educational
 Classes Start at 3PM-9PM

HELP Pet First Aid & CPR *
 Certificate Course: Kate Klasen
 All 5 hours are required for
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 Workshop:Guzal Adekoje *
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 Application Erin Huland &
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Salon Safety Certificate Course:
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Training & Mentoring New
Groomers Linda Easton

NDGAA
 Certification by
 Guzal Adekoje

All Thursday
 Classes receive a
 Certification

GROOM 

Friday

Competition Event (1st floor) Education Classes(3rd floor)	Seminar Time		Room A 3rd Floor	Room B 3rd Floor	Room C 3 3rd Floor
<p>8AM check in time 8:30AM Pre-Judging 9AM-11:15AM Competition</p> <p>Rings close 5min before competition (Times will vary for classes) OPEN/Intermediate/Entry Competition Class: Wire Coat Competition Class: Clipper Classic</p> <p>Judge: Hayley Keyes Apprentice Judge: Guzal Adekoje</p>	8am				
	9am	Check in Clinic	Emergency Scenarios: Kate Klasen	Mobile Grooming Master Series: * Dr. Molly Rowland All 6 hours are required for Certification	All About Bathing Systems & Conditioner Dave Campanella
	10am	Pre-Judging Pre-Judging	Emergency Scenarios: Kate Klasen	Mobile Grooming Master Series: * Dr. Molly Rowland All 6 hours are required for Certification	All About Bathing Systems & Conditioner Dave Campanella
	11am	Wire Coat Clipper Classic	Break	Break	Break
<p>Creative Single 11:45AM check in time 12:15PM Judging Competition Rings close 5 min before competition (Times will vary for classes) OPEN level/Entry level</p> <p>Judge: Nicole Kallish Apprentice Judge: Guzal Adekoje</p>	12pm	Judge Judge	Salon Sanitation: * Anjie Coates All 4 hours are required for Certification	Mobile Grooming Master Series: * Dr. Molly Rowland All 6 hours are required for Certification	HV Dryer Masterclass Dave Campanella
	1pm	Check in	Lunch/Shop	Lunch/Shop	Lunch/Shop
	2pm	-Judge -Judge	Salon Sanitation: * Anjie Coates All 4 hours are required for Certification	Mobile Grooming Master Series: * Dr. Molly Rowland All 6 hours are required for Certification	Bichon 101 Allison Brooks
	3pm	Creative Single	Salon Sanitation: * Anjie Coates All 4 hours are required for Certification	Mobile Grooming Master Series: Dr. * Molly Rowland All 6 hours are required for Certification	Fitting Shears to Your Hand Allison Brooks
<p>NDGAA Certification by Guzal Adekoje</p> <p>Competition Class: All Other PBred 2PM check in time 2:30PM Pre- Judging 5:00PM-5:30PM Competition Rings close 5 min before competition (Times will vary for classes) OPEN/Interme/Entry</p> <p>Judge: Hayley Keyes Apprentice Judge: Guzal Adekoje</p> <p>Certification Courses are marked by an *</p> <p>Best in Show Sunday 9:30AM</p>	4pm	Pre-Judge Checkin	Salon Sanitation: * Anjie Coates All 4 hours are required for Certification	Mobile Grooming Master Series: Dr. * Molly Rowland All 6 hours are required for Certification	Asian Fusion Dillon Gonzalez
	5pm	ALL Other Purebred	Break	Break	Break
		Judge	Hands On Corrective Grooming Guzal Adekoje 5-7pm		

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Saturday

Competition Event (1st floor) Education Classes(3rd floor)	Seminar Time		Room A 3rd Floor	Room B 3rd Floor	Room C 3rd Floor
<p>8AM check in time 8:30AM Pre-Judging 9AM-11:15AM Competition Rings close 5 min before competition (Times may vary slightly for classes)</p> <p>OPEN/Intermediate/Entry Competition Class: Sporting Competition Class: Salon Free Style</p> <p>Judge: Hayley Keyes Apprentice Judge: Guzal Adekoje</p> <p>12:30PM check in time 1:15PM Pre-Judging 2PM- 4:15PM Competition Rings close 5 min before competition (Times may vary slightly for classes)</p> <p>OPEN/Intermediate/Entry Competition Class: Poodle Competition Class: Abstract</p> <p>Judge: Hayley Keyes Apprentice Judge: Guzal Adekoje</p> <p>NDGAA Certification by Guzal Adekoje</p> <p>Certification Courses are marked by an *</p> <p>Best in Show Sunday 9:30AM</p>	8am				
	9am	Check in Clinic			*
	10am	Pre-Ju dge Pre e-Jud ge	The Mindful Groomer: Dave Campanella	Back to Basics: Anna Hawks	Handling Cats Safely Part 1: Linda Easton
		Sporting Salon	Skin Assessment Michelle Knowles	Clipper Blade Workshop: Anna Hawks	Handling Cats Safely Part 2: Linda Easton
		Free Style	Break	Break	Break
	11am	Judge/Judge	Healing The Follicle: Michelle Knowles All 4 hours are required for Certification *	Everything You Need to Know About Shears: Ralph Whitman	Battling Burnout: Valerie McFadden
	12pm		Lunch/Shop	Lunch/Shop	Lunch/Shop
	1pm	Checkin	Healing The Follicle: Michelle Knowles All 4 hours are required for Certification *	Neurodivergent Series: Creating Patterns for Success: Anjie Coates	From Employee to Business Owner Valerie McFadden
	2pm	Pre-Judge	Healing The Follicle: Michelle Knowles All 4 hours are required for Certification *	Neurodivergent Series: Training Your ND Employee: Anjie Coates	From Employee to Business Owner Part 2 Valerie McFadden
	3pm	Poodle	Break	Break	Break
	4pm		Healing The Follicle: Michelle Knowles All 4 hours are required for Certification *	Neurodivergent Series Managing Mental Load, Overwhelm & Sensory Processing: Anjie Coates	Social Media for Groomers: Loren Mesquita
	5pm	Judge			
		Abstract			

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Sunday

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Education Classes(3rd floor)

Seminar Time

Room A
3rd Floor

Room B
3rd Floor

Room C
3rd Floor

8AM check in time
8:30AM Judging
ModelDog

Judge: Hayley Keyes
Apprentice Judge: Guzal Adekoje
Assisting Judge: Natalia Buscovich

Best In Show
9:30AM

OPEN/Entry Competition
Class: Creative Duo
11:30PM check in time
12:30PM Pre-Judging
12:30PM- 3:30PM Competition
Rings close 5 min before competition
(Starting Times will vary for classes)

Judge: Hayley Keyes
Apprentice Judge: Guzal Adekoje
Assisting Judge: Natalia Buscovich

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until 10:00pm

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Checkin/Judge
Model Dog

Best In Show

Checkin

Pre-Judge

Creative Duo

Judge

Handstripping Certificate: *

Emily Brunn
All 4 hours are required for
Certification

Handstripping Certificate: *

Emily Brunn
All 4 hours are required for
Certification

Break

Handstripping Certificate: *

Emily Brunn
All 4 hours are required for
Certification

Lunch/Shop

Handstripping Certificate *

Emily Brunn
All 4 hours are required for
Certification

Bathing Safety Certificate: *

Myke Ross
2 hours are required for
Certification

Break

Bathing Safety Certificate: *

Myke Ross
2 hours are required for
Certification

Cutting Corners Clipper Magic

Guzal Adekoje 5-7pm



Color Lifting for Salons:
Holly Baker

Color Lifting for Salons:
Holly Baker

Break

Color Lifting for Salons:
Holly Baker

Lunch/Shop

Airbrush Art for the Salon
Erin Huland

Airbrush Art for the Salon
Erin Huland

Break

**Salon Culture: Accountability
Without the Attitude:**
Loren Mesquita

You Need to Calm Down:
Mindy Dinwiddie

Geriatric Grooming Certification:

Mindy Dinwiddie
All 6 hours are required for Certification

Break

Geriatric Grooming Certification:
Mindy Dinwiddie *
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Lunch/Shop

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Break

Geriatric Grooming Certification: *
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Events

The Extreme Creative "River Walk" Parade Attention all Extreme Creative Competitors!

Friday 4:30pm - 5:45pm

We have an incredible, first-time opportunity to put your artistry center stage. On Friday, May 29th, we are taking competition to the streets for a professional parade along the Owensboro Riverfront.



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The Details:

- **The Venue:** We'll be marching along the scenic Ohio River promenade, right in the heart of Owensboro's famous "Friday After 5" festival with food trucks, music, and fun.
- **The Audience:** You'll be showcasing your work to a crowd of over 10,000 people. This is your chance to "exploit" your talent (in the best way possible!) and show the general public the high-level artistry of professional grooming.
- **The Exposure:** Expect hundreds of questions, thousands of photos, and a level of visibility that we've never offered before.



Signups are required for After Hours Fun Events!

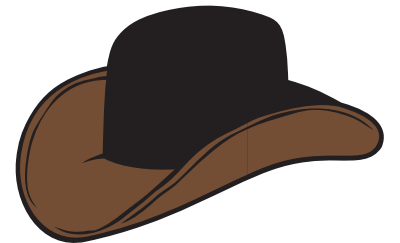
Friday 7pm at the Owensboro Convention Center Main Floor: Backseat Groomer Competition \$35

Friday 8pm : Blinding Color Blast Competition. \$35

Saturday Night Events

Western Ho Down Party

Saturday PM (immediately after Abstract at the Convention Center) at the Brew Bridge:



Bring your cowboy hat and your cowboy boots, and let's have some fun! A raffle will be held at the Brew Bridge during the party.

The Brew Bridge has fantastic food available and drinks for you and yours to purchase if you desire.

Dogs are not allowed inside the bar, via the Health Department, but are allowed on the patio.

The Brew Bridge
800 West 2nd Street
Owensboro, KY 42301