

The Five Freedoms

1

FREEDOM FROM HUNGER OR THIRST

Always ensure that the dogs have access to fresh water.



2

FREEDOM FROM PAIN, INJURY AND DISEASE

Handle the dogs gently and health assess them carefully. Always inform dog owners of any potential health concerns. Groom and carry out preventative care, such as teeth and ear care, to the best of a groomer's ability.



3

FREEDOM TO EXPRESS NORMAL BEHAVIOURS

Ensure that the dogs have space to move around and are given the chance to toilet and act naturally. Allow grooming breaks if the clip or groom is taking too long.



4

FREEDOM FROM FEAR AND DISTRESS

Learn about handling dogs properly in a way that keeps them calm, if they become frightened take a break. Do not allow dogs into situations where they can injure or frighten each other.



5

FREEDOM FROM DISCOMFORT

Never expect too much from the dogs. Allow older dogs the opportunity to change position and stretch out. Do not allow dogs to be too hot or too cold. Give the dogs a safe and comfortable place to rest when they are not being groomed or handled.

