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DIANE BETELAK Judging the Creative Challenge Competition



A Nationally Certified Master Groomer, Diane has owned Heads and Tails Professional Dog Grooming, Inc. in Liverpool, NY since 1982. She has groomed competitively in the U.S. and abroad and has multiple “Best in Show” and “Best All-Around Groomer” wins as well as multiple placements at prestigious competitions. Diane also competed and won the “Creative Styling” class at Groom Expo three times and placed every time entered.

Diane is a National Grooming Consultant for The Andis Company. She attends trade shows and seminars to promote their products. They are manufacturers of small and large animal clippers and blades.

She also does demonstrations, speaks and judges at grooming shows throughout the country and offers private consultation for conformation and competitive grooming.

MARIO DIFANTE Co- Judging Intergroom’s International Groomer of the Year Competition



Mario DiFante, co-founder and executive director of Pet Fashion Week NY, is a world renowned pet industry professional stylist with multiple Gold Medal wins at Intergroom. In addition to his many grooming achievements, he has been invited to lecture and judge both here and abroad.

Owner of “Four Paws” grooming in North Providence, Rhode Island, he had thought he realized his dream when he moved his grooming “shop” and designed the award winning “salon” seen in pet magazines almost 10 years ago. It was voted by national competition from the old Groom and Board magazine - #1 pet spa in the US for the new millennium.

As an industry innovator, Mario envisioned the idea of Pet Fashion Week NY with a focus of creating trade shows and events in a fashion week setting. His latest dream is taking him around the world in a whirl wind of invitations from England to Japan with runway pet industry fashion shows! With his extensive background in both the show dog and pet industry, his overall objective is to support the rapidly growing pet lifestyle industry by creating platforms for progressive ideas and bringing together the top industry professionals in the world on yet another working plane.

New this year is Pet Fashion Week Brazil! Please visit his website with all the information on the show in Sao Paolo. The show dates are Saturday April 24 and Sunday April 25, 2010. The weekend following INTERGROOM this year!

DANELLE GERMAN CFMG, CFCG Judging the Feline Fantasy Competition



Danelle owned CFA’s Bara Cattery from 1999-2005. During that time she produced and showed many National and Regional award winning Persians, including CFA’s 3rd Best Cat in Premiership in 2005. Danelle is a member of Foothills Felines Cat Club, serving as President and Show Manager for a number of years. In 2005, she retired from showing to focus on her feline-exclusive spa and resort, The Catty Shack, Ltd., which is located in South Carolina and boasts an ever-growing clientele of well over 2000.

Danelle has authored the Ultimate Cat Groomer Encyclopedia as well as several articles for a variety of grooming publications. She is also the author of certification study guides for cat groomers and has written updated cat grooming study material for other associations. Danelle has appeared on Animal Planet’s Cats 101 and has been interviewed and filmed numerous times for Discovery Channel, local TV stations, Kittens USA and other media. She is the winner of the first Groomers Got Talent competition held at Groom Expo in 2009.

Speaking regularly on all topics related to cat grooming and behavior, Danelle is a true pioneer in the field of feline grooming. Her lectures and training materials can be found around the world. She is the founder of the National Cat Groomers Institute of America, Inc. She currently serves as President and Certifier/Instructor of the NCGIA and is a member of Wahl’s X-Treme Groom Team. Along with her husband, Michael, she is the inventor and patent holder of the Catty Shack Vac™ drying system.

ANN MARTIN Judging the Extreme Makeover Competition



Ann Martin is an International Award Winning Master Groomer who is now sharing her lifetime of expertise with groomers wanting to expand their own skills. She has brought a unique combination of dog show experience into the realm of dog grooming, first as a competitor and now as a judge and lecturer, utilizing her engaging teaching technique to encourage both new and experienced groomers to stretch their skills far beyond what they previously considered possible. Certified as a Master Groomer at age twenty, Ann began competing in grooming competitions in 1992, and in six years of competition she garnered many top awards including the title of Best American Groomer, Best Team Groomer in the World, Winner of the Oster

Tournament of Champions, Winner of Multiple Best in Show Grooming Awards, Winner of Multiple Best All Around Groomer Awards and Winner of the Cardinal Crystal Achievement Award. Ann Martin has certified groomers for the National Dog Groomer's Association since 1995. She also serves as a grooming education consultant for Isle of Dogs, and has traveled extensively both nationally and internationally to lecture and lead seminars on grooming. Ann is the creator and owner of Legacy Grooming Products.

KATHY ROSE NCMG, IPGCMG, ISCCCMS Co- Judging Intergroom's International Groomer of the Year Competition & Judging "Spirit of Color"



A salon owner since 1983, Kathy Rose has garnered recognition in the pet industry both as an expert stylist and educator. As a competitive stylist, Kathy has won numerous national and international titles including Best in Show at almost every major US contest plus gold and silver medals on Groomteam USA on four consecutive teams. She also served as coordinator for two years.

Away from the competitive grooming ring, Kathy Rose is a sought after speaker and grooming judge. She has served an integral role with IJA (International Judges Association) since the creation over a decade ago by John and Vivian Nash. Kathy is also an accredited judge for the United Show Managers Alliance (USA) and one of only four US judges accredited by the European Grooming Association (EGA) for all classes. She has offered her vast knowledge at virtually every major industry event stateside as well as in Canada, France, Belgium, Germany, Netherlands, Portugal, Brazil and South Korea.

In recognition of her efforts Kathy has been a regular nominee for the prestigious Cardinal Crystal Grooming Achievement Awards, winning the award for outstanding contributions to the pet industry. Her skills have been put on display on Animal Planet's popular television series "Petsburg USA: where Kathy was featured prominently in their "Mutt Makeover" episodes. Kathy's state of the art salon, Pets of Perfection was featured in the 2005 Groomer to Groomer Buyers Guide and she has written numerous articles related to salon design, as well as a series of articles relating to licensure and regulation of the grooming profession for Barkleigh Publications.

Early in her career, Kathy owner/handled her toy poodles and Portuguese Water dog to point and group wins as well as serving as Vice President and Assistant show Chairman for AKC sanctioned show events, receiving the outstanding service award.

Kathy resides in South Florida grooming in her Salon, Pets of Perfection.

MAREA TULLY Co- Judging Intergroom's Rising Star of the Year Competition



Marea Tully, from Ft. Meyers Florida, was on the 1994 Groom Team bringing home the European International Best in Show Trophy from Birmingham, England. She is the winner of five Cardinal Crystal Achievement Awards: Journalist of the Year (three times); Congeniality and Judge of the Year. She was President of New England Pet Grooming Professionals (NEPGP) and the International Pet Groomers (IPG) and is currently serving on the Board of Directors for Groom Team USA.

She has completed the Judge's Orientation/Training Class and is approved as a Sanctioned Judge with the United Show Managers Alliance. She has been an IJA Judge for 10 years. Marea has and continues to be a popular speaker due to her in-depth knowledge and willingness to share it with other groomers whether it relates to grooming, judging or running a business.

Marea is the International Grooming Consultant for the Andis Company and recently starred in a national television program Designing Spaces.

SUESAN WATSON Co- Judging Intergroom's Rising Star of the Year Competition



Suesan is a third generation groomer, with 40+ years of experience. She has won Cardinal Crystal American Groomer Awards, Wahl Groomer of the Year Award, and Silver Team Medal in France with GroomTeam. She is a United Show Managers Alliance Sanctioned Judge.