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Work Experience Information for Special Needs Students

We frequently receive requests for work experience opportunities for special needs students so have put together this form and information brochure in order to help those wanting more information.

At the end of this flyer, there is a form for applicants to complete and return to the salon. Unfortunately we are unable to accept all applications, however, do our best to accommodate as many students as possible.

Length of Work Experience

Most work experience requests for special needs students are for one or two days a week across an extended period. Whilst we are happy to work in with the student and the educational institution, we do ask that everyone is considerate of the fact that we are trying to accommodate quite a number of students throughout the year and that we cannot have multiple students at one time. Please take this into consideration when putting in your request.

Resources

Please know that we only have limited resources to accommodate students for work experience. We cannot accept more than one work experience student with special needs at one time and usually only have one to two days a week available, however, this depends on the number of staff we have scheduled to work, therefore the days available will vary. We ask that all applicants and their educational institution remember that first and foremost we are operating a business and this is our first focus.

It is also worth mentioning that our team do not have any special training in working with special needs students and we rely on the teachers of these students to assist us in dealing with the students and accommodating their needs.

Duties

During a short stint of work experience (similar to what a student does during year 10) the duties would be different to an extended experience, like is usual with special needs students. The duties that may be expected of a special needs work experience student may include:

- ★ Bathing/cleaning dogs in a bath using water and shampoo
- ★ Drying dogs using an industrial dryer
- ★ Filing grooming record cards in alphabetical order
- ★ Cleaning - a variety of cleaning could be done, including sweeping hair, cleaning of urine and faecal matter, cleaning the baths, vacuuming, mopping, cleaning glass, dusting etc.
- ★ Packaging of dog treats
- ★ Cutting up bandanas

★ Other miscellaneous duties as they become available

Whilst we might be able to accommodate students in altering duties slightly to suit them, they should be able to complete the vast majority of these duties, or be able to handle the responsibility associated with them.

Working with Dogs

Having a love for dogs is a must to working in our industry, however, it is not the only thing that is important to our job. The industry that we are in, involves a high level of responsibility for someone's pet, a living thing and this is something that should be taken into account when applying for work experience at our salon.

Unfortunately our day doesn't include playing with dogs, as much as we would like this to be our job.

It is a very high-paced and high responsibility job. People are expecting their pets completed as soon as possible so they can return home with them so we are always working under a deadline. It is a noisy environment where there are constantly dogs barking, phones ringing, door buzzing and we are working with loud equipment such as clippers and dryers.

Safety

Barking Beauties have strict rules that students must adhere to with regards to the handling of dogs at the salon. Students are not to approach or touch a dog without the consent of a senior staff member for the purpose of the students safety. Staff will perform a safety assessment on each dog, following this students are able to interact with the majority of dogs. Students will not be permitted to groom (clip) a dog or trim their nails during their work experience. These are skills which are developed over a longer period of time and may be dangerous to the dog should these be performed by someone who has not had the necessary skills and training.

We are happy to discuss the needs of a specific student once you have completed the below form and returned this to our salon.

We appreciate your interest in work experience at our salon and thank you for taking the time to read this important information and for respecting our business and other work experience students.

Work experience is available from March to mid-November (inclusive) each year. Work experience is not available during from mid-November to February.

NOTE: Please remember that this experience is a chance to give the students a taste of what working full-time or part-time is like and should not be viewed as an opportunity to alleviate the educational institution of a student for a period of time.

APPLICATION FORM FOR WORK EXPERIENCE FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Student Surname: _____ Student First Name: _____

Address: _____ P/Code: _____

Contact Phone No: _____ Email: _____

School/Institution: _____

Current Year of Study: Year 9 Year 10 Year 11 Year 12 Certificate 2 TAFE

Certificate 3 TAFE

REQUESTED SALON

Revesby Leumeah

Name and Address of School	
Work Experience Coordinator	Phone No.
Email Address:	

WORK EXPERIENCE DATES (in order of preference)

	From	To
1 st Choice:	___/___/20__	___/___/20__
2 nd Choice:	___/___/20__	___/___/20__

MORE INFORMATION (E.g. Days or number of days required etc): _____

REQUESTED WORK TIMES

Start time: _____ Period of lunch break: _____ Finish time: _____

Please explain in detail what the students special needs are and how these affect them:

WHAT ARE THE STUDENTS LIMITATIONS?:

ARE THERE ANY TRIGGERS FOR THE STUDENT?:

WHAT KIND OF SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE FROM THE TEACHER/SCHOOL?:

Do you want Barking Beauties to contact you prior to processing this application:

Yes No

Please advise of an appropriate day or time to discuss this matter with you further:

Day: _____ Time: _____

Signed: _____ **Date:** __/__/20__

**Please send your completed form to groomers@barkingbeauties.com.au or
5a Macarthur Avenue, Revesby NSW 2212.**

You will be notified of the status of your application within 10 working days of Barking Beauties receiving this completed form. Thank you for your application. We will be in touch shortly. All notifications are sent via email so please list a valid email address.

Further enquiries should be directed as follows:

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