

# Animal Behavior College (ABC) Grooming Stage 6 Practice Exam (Sample)

## Study Guide



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# Introduction

Preparing for a certification exam can feel overwhelming, but with the right tools, it becomes an opportunity to build confidence, sharpen your skills, and move one step closer to your goals. At Examzify, we believe that effective exam preparation isn't just about memorization, it's about understanding the material, identifying knowledge gaps, and building the test-taking strategies that lead to success.

This guide was designed to help you do exactly that.

Whether you're preparing for a licensing exam, professional certification, or entry-level qualification, this book offers structured practice to reinforce key concepts. You'll find a wide range of multiple-choice questions, each followed by clear explanations to help you understand not just the right answer, but why it's correct.

The content in this guide is based on real-world exam objectives and aligned with the types of questions and topics commonly found on official tests. It's ideal for learners who want to:

- Practice answering questions under realistic conditions,
- Improve accuracy and speed,
- Review explanations to strengthen weak areas, and
- Approach the exam with greater confidence.

We recommend using this book not as a stand-alone study tool, but alongside other resources like flashcards, textbooks, or hands-on training. For best results, we recommend working through each question, reflecting on the explanation provided, and revisiting the topics that challenge you most.

**Remember:** successful test preparation isn't about getting every question right the first time, it's about learning from your mistakes and improving over time. Stay focused, trust the process, and know that every page you turn brings you closer to success.

Let's begin.

# How to Use This Guide

**This guide is designed to help you study more effectively and approach your exam with confidence. Whether you're reviewing for the first time or doing a final refresh, here's how to get the most out of your Examzify study guide:**

## **1. Start with a Diagnostic Review**

**Skim through the questions to get a sense of what you know and what you need to focus on. Your goal is to identify knowledge gaps early.**

## **2. Study in Short, Focused Sessions**

**Break your study time into manageable blocks (e.g. 30 - 45 minutes). Review a handful of questions, reflect on the explanations.**

## **3. Learn from the Explanations**

**After answering a question, always read the explanation, even if you got it right. It reinforces key points, corrects misunderstandings, and teaches subtle distinctions between similar answers.**

## **4. Track Your Progress**

**Use bookmarks or notes (if reading digitally) to mark difficult questions. Revisit these regularly and track improvements over time.**

## **5. Simulate the Real Exam**

**Once you're comfortable, try taking a full set of questions without pausing. Set a timer and simulate test-day conditions to build confidence and time management skills.**

## **6. Repeat and Review**

**Don't just study once, repetition builds retention. Re-attempt questions after a few days and revisit explanations to reinforce learning. Pair this guide with other Examzify tools like flashcards, and digital practice tests to strengthen your preparation across formats.**

**There's no single right way to study, but consistent, thoughtful effort always wins. Use this guide flexibly, adapt the tips above to fit your pace and learning style. You've got this!**

## Questions

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- 1. The pin brush is best for coats that are:**
  - A. Corded**
  - B. Short and wiry**
  - C. Double-coated**
  - D. Long and silky, curly or wavy, and thick**
  
- 2. Which statement about coat type is false?**
  - A. Coats are classified by hair length and texture.**
  - B. Coat color determines coat type.**
  - C. A coat's single or double status affects its classification.**
  - D. Textures include smooth, curly, and wiry.**
  
- 3. Which coat type is associated with the Borzoi?**
  - A. Silky-coated**
  - B. Short-coated**
  - C. Smooth-coated**
  - D. Combination-coated**
  
- 4. For corded coats, which statement is false?**
  - A. Bathing a dog before dematting is effective.**
  - B. Diluting shampoo can help effectively clean cords.**
  - C. Do not dilute the shampoo as you want to ensure you get all the dirt and oil out of the coils.**
  - D. Rinsing thoroughly is important for corded coats.**
  
- 5. What is false about bathing dogs with a sprayer near the dogs head?**
  - A. Keep water away from the eyes.**
  - B. Position the dog's head down to allow the water to flow over the forehead.**
  - C. Use the sprayer at a gentle setting.**
  - D. Avoid splashing water onto the ears.**

- 6. Which statement about stretch drying is false?**
- A. Stretch drying helps encourage straightness in the coat.**
  - B. It reduces drying time by using gravity.**
  - C. When stretch drying, dry the longest part of the coat first.**
  - D. It can help minimize tangling by supporting the coat during drying.**
- 7. In bathing routines, which statement is true?**
- A. Conditioner should always be undiluted.**
  - B. Shampoo is typically diluted with water before use.**
  - C. Conditioner should be left in and not rinsed.**
  - D. Shampoo and conditioner are never rinsed out.**
- 8. Which statement about skinfolds is false?**
- A. Bathing the skin folds is necessary to clean between them.**
  - B. Skinfolds should be cleaned during baths.**
  - C. Regular cleaning helps prevent moisture buildup.**
  - D. Bathing alone is sufficient to prevent infections in skin folds.**
- 9. Mini dogs with smooth coats do not have undercoat, but they do shed.**
- A. True**
  - B. False**
  - C. They do not shed**
  - D. They shed only in spring**
- 10. Why should every dog coat be completely dry and free of shampoo before leaving the salon?**
- A. Moisture or soap residue in the coat can cause atopic dermatitis.**
  - B. It looks nicer.**
  - C. It reduces shedding.**
  - D. It prevents fleas.**

## Answers

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1. D
2. B
3. D
4. C
5. B
6. C
7. B
8. D
9. A
10. A

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## **Explanations**

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**1. The pin brush is best for coats that are:**

- A. Corded**
- B. Short and wiry**
- C. Double-coated**
- D. Long and silky, curly or wavy, and thick**

Pin brushes glide through long, silky coats and handle thick textures gracefully, which is why they're the best choice for coats that are long and silky, and often curly or wavy and thick. The flexible pins lift and separate tangles without pulling hard, helping to detangle from the ends up and smooth the topcoat while preserving hair health. This gentle detangling and smoothing is especially helpful when the coat has length and volume, as it minimizes breakage and creates a softer, glossy finish. Other coat types need different tools or steps. Corded coats tend to mat deeply and may require mat splitters and combing, not just a pin brush. Short and wiry coats don't benefit as much from the same level of detangling, and often respond better to tools that lift and refresh the coat without unnecessary brushing. Double-coated coats usually need an undercoat-focused tool to remove loose fur before finishing with brushing, rather than relying on the pin brush alone.

**2. Which statement about coat type is false?**

- A. Coats are classified by hair length and texture.**
- B. Coat color determines coat type.**
- C. A coat's single or double status affects its classification.**
- D. Textures include smooth, curly, and wiry.**

Coat type is determined by how the fur is structured—its length, texture, and whether the coat is single- or double-coated. These factors drive how a coat behaves in grooming, shedding, and maintenance. Color, on the other hand, is a separate attribute and does not define the coat's type. So you can have long or short coats, smooth or curly or wiry textures, with a wide range of colors; none of those color variations change whether the coat is single or double or its overall length and texture. The statement that coat color determines coat type is not accurate.

**3. Which coat type is associated with the Borzoi?**

- A. Silky-coated**
- B. Short-coated**
- C. Smooth-coated**
- D. Combination-coated**

Borzoi hairs are best described as a long, flowing outer coat paired with a soft, dense undercoat. That two-layer structure means the coat is combination-coated, not just single-layer or short. The outer guard hairs are long and silky, creating that graceful, draped look, while the undercoat provides warmth and fullness. So, this breed embodies two distinct coat textures, which is the hallmark of a combination-coated breed. This differs from a silky-coated description, which would imply a single long, silky layer without a prominent undercoat; a short-coated or smooth-coated description would refer to a much shorter, single-texture coat with little to no undercoat. Because Borzoi has both layers, the combination-coated classification fits best. In grooming, this means regular brushing to manage shedding and prevent mats, paying attention to both the dense undercoat and the long outer coat.

4. For corded coats, which statement is false?

- A. Bathing a dog before dematting is effective.
- B. Diluting shampoo can help effectively clean cords.
- C. Do not dilute the shampoo as you want to ensure you get all the dirt and oil out of the coils.**
- D. Rinsing thoroughly is important for corded coats.

Corded coats need a cleaning approach that cleans deep inside the coils while protecting the dog's skin. Bathing before dematting helps to loosen debris and oils trapped in the cords, softening the fibers and making detangling safer and more effective. Diluting shampoo is beneficial because it reduces concentration, allowing the product to reach into the coils and rinse out more completely, which minimizes residue that can attract dirt or irritate the skin. Thorough rinsing is essential to remove all shampoo and debris from between the cords, preventing residue buildup and odor. The statement about not diluting the shampoo is false because undiluted shampoo can be too harsh for tight cords and it's harder to rinse clean, leaving residue that can cause irritation and complicate grooming.

5. What is false about bathing dogs with a sprayer near the dogs head?

- A. Keep water away from the eyes.
- B. Position the dog's head down to allow the water to flow over the forehead.**
- C. Use the sprayer at a gentle setting.
- D. Avoid splashing water onto the ears.

Controlling water flow around the head during a bath is essential to protect the eyes and ears and keep the dog comfortable. A gentle spray should be used, and water should be directed so it doesn't run into the eyes or into the ears. Keeping the head neutral or slightly raised helps water flow down the sides or back instead of toward the eyes. Positioning the head downward tends to make water run over the forehead and into the eyes, which can irritate and frighten the dog. So, the idea of tilting the head down to let water wash over the forehead is not a good practice. Instead, stay gentle, shield the eyes, and direct spray away from the ears and eyes.

**6. Which statement about stretch drying is false?**

- A. Stretch drying helps encourage straightness in the coat.**
- B. It reduces drying time by using gravity.**
- C. When stretch drying, dry the longest part of the coat first.**
- D. It can help minimize tangling by supporting the coat during drying.**

Stretch drying is used to set the coat in a straight, smooth alignment as it dries. By pulling the coat taut and letting gravity help pull moisture downward, you encourage straightness and help prevent tangling. Gravity also supports faster drying by aiding moisture release and improving airflow around the coat. The idea of drying the longest part first isn't how this technique is typically guided. The focus is on maintaining even tension and direction across the coat, not on starting with any particular length. Start by establishing a taut baseline and then keep the coat stretched as it dries, working through sections to maintain that straight, controlled shape. So the statement about drying the longest part first is not consistent with how stretch drying achieves its goals. The other aspects—promoting straightness, reducing tangling, and using gravity to assist drying—are in line with the technique.

**7. In bathing routines, which statement is true?**

- A. Conditioner should always be undiluted.**
- B. Shampoo is typically diluted with water before use.**
- C. Conditioner should be left in and not rinsed.**
- D. Shampoo and conditioner are never rinsed out.**

In bathing routines, using products in the way they're designed is essential for effective cleaning without residue. Shampoo is typically diluted with water before use so it spreads evenly through the coat, creates a manageable lather, and can lift oils and dirt without being harsh on the skin. Dilution makes it easier to rinse away thoroughly, reducing the chance of soap buildup. Conditioner, after shampoo, should be rinsed out. Leaving conditioner in can weigh the coat down, attract dirt, and irritate the skin. For a standard bath, both shampoo and conditioner are rinsed off after their respective contact times, and serum or leave-in products are used only when specifically indicated. So the true statement aligns with how shampoos are prepared and rinsed in routine bathing.

**8. Which statement about skinfolds is false?**

- A. Bathing the skin folds is necessary to clean between them.**
- B. Skinfolds should be cleaned during baths.**
- C. Regular cleaning helps prevent moisture buildup.**
- D. Bathing alone is sufficient to prevent infections in skin folds.**

Keeping skin folds clean and dry is essential to prevent irritation and infections. Bathing the skin folds helps remove dirt and debris from between them, and cleaning during baths supports overall hygiene. Regular cleaning helps prevent moisture buildup, which is a key factor in infections because damp, warm environments foster bacteria and yeast growth. However, bathing alone isn't enough to prevent infections in skin folds, since moisture can remain trapped after a bath and reaccumulate if folds aren't dried thoroughly. The false statement is that bathing alone is sufficient to prevent infections in skin folds. The proper approach combines cleaning with thorough drying between folds to keep the area dry and prevent moisture-related problems.

**9. Mini dogs with smooth coats do not have undercoat, but they do shed.**

**A. True**

**B. False**

**C. They do not shed**

**D. They shed only in spring**

Smooth-coated, small dogs often have a single coat without a dense undercoat. But shedding isn't eliminated by lacking an undercoat. Hair goes through growth cycles and older hairs are released to make way for new growth, so even without an undercoat these dogs shed guard hairs. You'll typically see loose fur on brushes or around the home, and shedding can be year-round or more noticeable in certain seasons depending on the individual dog and environment. So the statement is accurate: they do shed, even though they may not have a noticeable undercoat.

**10. Why should every dog coat be completely dry and free of shampoo before leaving the salon?**

**A. Moisture or soap residue in the coat can cause atopic dermatitis.**

**B. It looks nicer.**

**C. It reduces shedding.**

**D. It prevents fleas.**

Keeping the coat completely dry and free of shampoo is about protecting the dog's skin health. If moisture or soap residue remains in the fur, it can keep the skin damp and irritate it, which can trigger or worsen dermatitis-related issues. A clean, dry coat also helps prevent maceration and reduces the chance of bacterial or yeast growth that can irritate the skin or lead to secondary infections. This is the most direct way to ensure the dog's skin stays comfortable and healthy after a shave or bath. Looking nicer is about appearance, not safety. Shedding isn't greatly affected by residual moisture or soap, and fleas are not prevented by drying alone.

## Next Steps

**Congratulations on reaching the final section of this guide. You've taken a meaningful step toward passing your certification exam and advancing your career.**

**As you continue preparing, remember that consistent practice, review, and self-reflection are key to success. Make time to revisit difficult topics, simulate exam conditions, and track your progress along the way.**

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