

# Miracle Pet Makeover Winners on: PetGroomer.com 2005

~ not your typical before & after contest ~

*We have never had such a difficult time judging a contest at PetGroomer.com. It's in great part the nature of this contest, all the entrants did something wonderful. You're are our heroes. However, we made our selections as promised. If you are a winner we will be contacting you to complete a letter of eligibility and to give you additional information required to process your award. EVERYONE who entered will receive the official Certificate of Entry in Summer 2006 when we release an eBook of all compiled entries.*

<b>First Place</b>	\$500 Cash Prize for Groomer and \$500 for their pet welfare organization.	<a href="#">Entry #98 - Jan &amp; 7 Shih-Tzu</a>
<b>Second Place</b>	\$300 Cash Prize for Groomer and \$300 for their pet welfare organization.	<a href="#">Entry #31 - Candy &amp; Toby</a>
<b>Third Place</b>	\$200 Cash Prize for Groomer and \$200 for their pet welfare organization.	<a href="#">Entry #34 - Alice &amp; Rescue</a>
<b>Fourth Place</b>	\$150 Cash Prize for Groomer and \$150 for their pet welfare organization.	<a href="#">Entry #44 - Gail &amp; Chance</a>
<b>Fifth Place</b>	\$100 Cash Prize for Groomer and \$100 for their pet welfare organization.	<a href="#">Entry #20 - Brynn Haynes &amp;</a>

## About the Contest

We're pleased to announce a new format in 2005 for our annual PetGroomer.com Before & After Photo Contest 2005. This year before and after means "**extreme makeovers**" for pets in serious need of care. We're looking for the story of pet groomers delivering "miracles" and we want to recognize them here. Our past before and after contest entries have clearly shown us the miracle of what a groomer can do to improve the life of a neglected and to enlighten their owners to better care for pets.

Typically in an miracle pet makeover there isn't enough coat leftover to show your complete styling ability. You can see the truth of that statement in the entries posted already. The joy and relief of a makeover is obviously displayed by the pet. The groomer has delivered a lot of heart and a miracle. That's what 2005 is all about. Can we inspire you to find a pet dog or cat in such poor condition that you are the rescue to bring back comfort, cleanliness and improved health for the pet? Maybe you will find a critical need pet at a rescue or animal facility if not at your business.

It's OK if you have to remove the coat. Don't stress the pet simply to retain a coat for this contest. If it needs to be clipped off, do what is appropriate for the comfort, safety and health of the pet. You will NOT be poorly judged poorly for removing a coat where it is appropriate. Further, this contest is for experienced groomers who

have the experience know-how to properly and safely groom extreme condition pets (see Notice below).

*Please, let us inspire you to find a pet that really needs a makeover. Maybe you will have to go to a shelter and that's great. Groomed pets are more readily adopted. Maybe you know a neighbor's pet that badly needs a grooming and if you volunteer a grooming you can deliver a miracle to the pet. We're looking in part for the "heart of the groomer." That's why we want you to write a short story about your journey. Don't worry if you cannot write well, do your best, we will edit. Please limit your story to 250 words.*

We want to recognize YOUR heart as a groomer. You can help us make a difference for thousands of pets. At the end of 2005 we will take the completed gallery of entries to pet owner organizations. We will ask them to highlight the gallery to enlighten pet owners to the needs of so many pets for professional grooming. Together we can and will make a difference. Of course, there will be winners and cash prizes will be allocated not only to the winning groomers, but their favorite pet charities. Everyone who enters the contest and meets the eligibility rules will receive an "Entry Certificate" suitable for framing at their home or business. We do this because everyone who provides a miracle pet makeover really is a winner.

### BEFORE



## " Toby "

This is Toby, a 3 year old Old English Sheepdog. The poor guy was in such bad condition. There wasn't a groomer around that would even look twice at attempting it. Besides the fact that he was recently adopted by the present owner from the pound, he had a major attitude problem. He was impossible to approach without him wanting to remove a finger or two with his beautiful, sharp teeth. The owner has tried to brush the dog with no luck. They came to me as a recommendation from the vet to see if I would even attempt the job. I was hesitant, but my heart went out to him. Even though he was not the friendliest of animals, if I didn't groom him, who would? I couldn't bear the thought of him suffering like that any longer. So after an assessment of the situation I came to the conclusion that with a full vet check, the only way to even attempt doing this dog would be full IV sedation under the watchful eyes of the vet. As you can see he is big and completely knocked out, and the safest way to do the grooming was on the floor. He had to be muzzled during the last hour because he woke up and managed to bite me and the owner. All in all, it was a success! It took 4 hours, and #10 & #30 blades to complete the grooming job. He woke up, and I'm sure went home and rolled around in the grass since he could feel his skin again!

Groomer: Candy Levine Doppert  
Candy's Tender Pawz Pet Grooming  
Location: Surrey, BC, Canada

## During



After

