

Groomers Achieve International Success

The 2014/15 team that was selected to represent England in the Dog Grooming World Team Championships in 2015 are Peter Ensell, Linda Barker, Mike Wildman and Lesley Harpham.



Linda achieved Best in Show - what a result!



Lesley took third place in the hand strip class

Collectively they have achieved Best In Show at all major grooming events in this country and are renowned for their expertise and skill, not only in their own category but with a variety of breeds. They have also contributed widely throughout many areas of the grooming industry including judging and helping to run competitions and demonstrating their skills.

Peter, Linda and Lesley travelled to Italy for the International Grooming Championships – MilanGroom – that was held on 12th and 13th April 2014. Unfortunately Mike was unable to attend as he had been at InterGroom USA the week before.

For Linda and Lesley this was their first foray into international grooming and both were incredibly nervous yet excited and full of anticipation for the

18 hour journey and the events to come.

Their support teams of friends and family travelled with them and cheered them on from the sidelines.

Lesley was the first to compete with a Norfolk Terrier on the Saturday afternoon and was delighted and amazed to find that she had been placed in the top three. However, she had to wait until the Sunday to find the exact placing. Pete and Linda competed on Sunday; Pete with a Kerry Blue and Linda with a Standard Poodle. The results were given late in the day and to their delight all the members were placed from huge classes of 50 or more. Pete took third place in Purebred Scissor class, Lesley received third place in the Handstrip Class and Linda came first in the Poodle class. All first place winners were then re-judged with a fine tooth comb to select the Best In



Peter places his dog for judging

Show.

The Team and supporters were overjoyed when Linda was announced as Best In Show from a world class entry of groomers from France, Italy, Spain, and Russia to name but a few.

What an amazing start for the new Groom Team England members! 🐾