

Dog Grooming Reality TV Series Debuts

Animal Planet's "Groomer Has It" features 12 dog groomers vying to make the cut.

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And may the best groomer win...

Animal Planet will air "Groomer Has It," a new reality show that features 12 dog groomers battling it out for \$125,000 in cash and prizes, including the title "Groomer of the Year." The show will be hosted by actor and singer Jai Rodriguez, formerly of "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy."

Contestants will compete in a grooming salon and live in a Los Angeles loft, dubbed the "Dog House." Challenges include styling puppies for their runway debut and grooming several exotic dog breeds. After each challenge, Rodriguez and a panel of outspoken judges, including veterinarian Karen Halligan, champion dog handler Xavier Santiago, and grooming expert Joey Villani, will decide which contestant does not make "the cut."

The grand prize winner will receive \$50,000, a mobile grooming salon from Wag'n Tails Mobile Grooming, and the title "Groomer of the Year."

"Groomer Has It" debuts Saturday, April 12 at 9 p.m. EST/PST on Animal Planet.