

Hello,

My name is Lisa Blahnik, and I am looking to open Bark -n - Bubbles LLC, a dog grooming salon within the home I share with my husband. I have been in the dog grooming industry for about a year. In pursuit of my dream to groom dogs, I attended and graduated from ABC Animal Behavior College as an ABC Certified Groomer. Most dogs find going to the groomers a stressful experience due to the unknown environment with potentially other animals as well as being in a kennel for unknown periods of time. Being put in kennels and waiting for a bath or to be dried as the groomer juggles up to 4 dogs, trying to stay on time and sometimes getting very stressed. It makes the grooming take longer, and the dog feels increased fear and stress. In certain occasions, that will lead to the dog trying to bite or failing to cooperate. That is why I plan on providing a relaxing, no-nonsense experience for the pet parent and their beloved dogs. I have a pet bathing tub, grooming table, and all the equipment needed set up in a small portion of our basement, with multiple barriers to ensure the safety of all animals. Accompanied by our fenced-in backyard, I believe that I have a secure and reliable space. With my husband's IT expertise, he has installed cameras inside and outside of our home, including two views in the basement where I would be grooming dogs. This helps with any potential incidents and keeps our peace of mind and the pet parents' peace of mind. If approved, it would be a dream come true for me to not only run a small business but grooming dogs in a way that provides a better environment for the community's furry family members.

