# Grooming • Pet Grooming – offers brief discussions of startup costs, expansion, finance and bookkeeping, legal, insurance and basic grooming by breed.

## Food and Products

- <u>Pet Food</u> recent press release regarding the U.S.dog and cat population within U.S households (55%) and also a 10 year trend study (1991-2000) of dog and cat ownership.
- <u>Pet Product Manufacturers</u> pet products manufacturers and importers and sections devoted to pet products and the law, trade shows, and a referral network for trade leads with the U.S. government.
- <u>Pet Industry</u> for pet retailers, groomers, breeders, kennel operators, pet sitters, livestock wholesale/distributors, and pet supply wholesales/distributors and manufacturers. Offers business briefs, new products, articles on cooperative buying,

software for small retail stores, promotion, Web exposure, inexpensive advertising, attracting and keeping customers; list of the top 20 brands and list of top 10 customer service reminders.

• <u>Worldwide Pet Industry</u> – manufacturers, distributors, suppliers, manufacturers' representatives and retail businesses and breeder/livestock distributors. Includes a "find the pet store", and list of trade shows.

## Veterinarians

- <u>American Veterinary Medical Association</u> training, government issues, resources, and identifies medical specialty groups for dermatology, emergency care, anesthesiology, behavior, nutrition and ophthalmology. Provides a list of state veterinary medical associations.
- American Animal Hospital Association continuing education programs and links to state veterinary medical associations, specialty boards and veterinary colleges, and lists additional specialty associations for allergy, feline, holistic, avian, reptilian, and sled dogs.

# Pet Sitting

- <u>Care.com</u> has an Online resource to find pet sitters and dogwalkers in your area. This site also has a locator for pet care providers.
- <u>National Association of Pet Sitters</u> Provides resources and training informatin to current and potential pet sitters
- Pet Sitters International Offers insurance, training, and sample contracts to pet sitters

## Other Links

- <u>Horses</u> includes therapeutic riding centers and organizations, breed associations, legal issues for horse owners and service providers (fencing, boarding, liability), and riding stables and lessons by geographic region.
- <u>North American Riding for the Handicapped Association</u> includes information on how to start a therapeutic riding center.
- <u>Pet Age</u> for owners and managers of retail pet supply outlets, wholesalers, grocery merchandisers, and feed dealers.
- <u>Disabled pets</u> resources, information and support for humans with disabled pets.

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