## Cutting cuter canines

Pierre the poodle shows his style at the national dog-grooming competition.

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According to professional doggroomer Vanessa Pollari, Pierre's a good-looking sort - and he knows

Now the primped-up pooch has proved his worth, after claiming second place in the poodle class of the Pet Industry Association of Australia's (PIAA) national dog grooming competition.

Held on October 15 at Sydney Showground, the competition was part of the PIAA's PetExpo 2005.

For Ms Pollari, who owns A Dapper Dog grooming salon at Maroubra, it was the perfect opportunity to showcase her work.

She said that Pierre was one of her favourite customers and was wellsuited to the straightforward PIAA. approach she used to style his hair.

poms," she said.

have the really shaved look and the more attitude than the rest of her big hairstyles. I don't personally do those trims because I think they're impractical for the pets.

balance.

"It's a skill with the scissors creating the finish, but it's also a skill thing works and everything is in and look at itself in the mirror. proportion."

accomplishment for Ms Pollari, dogs that are visually challenged whose parlour was the first in have the nicest personalities and Sydney to become accredited by the vice versa.

But she said that giving a dog piz- cult personality-wise are very cute."

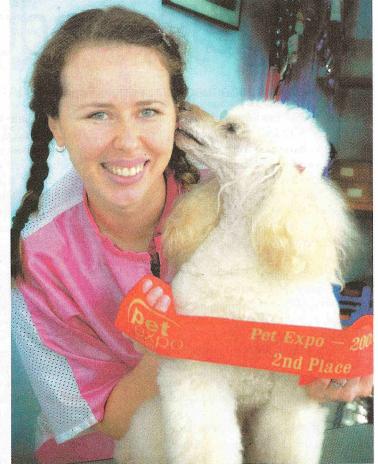
"A lot of people try and do pom- zazz comes at a price. She said beautiful dogs were aware of their good "In the Hollywood movies they looks, and that they tended to show customers.

"Dogs really do know when they look good - they get more cuddles "With poodle styling, you've and kisses from their owners after always got to have symmetry and a good haircut and a good clean," she said.

"Years back I used to do a little Maltese terrier that, when I put litof the eye making sure that every- tle bows in its ears, used to go home

"I think as humans, we judge peo-The silver medal was quite an ple by their looks. But often the

"Some of the dogs that are diffi-



Pierre shows his appreciation to stylist Vanessa Pollari.

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