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Keep Tails Wagging: Power Your Mobile Grooming Rig Safely

PGMA's reminder: generators stay outside, away, and never enclosed.

April 21, 2026—Pet owners love mobile grooming services. It saves their pet a traumatic trip away from home, is extremely convenient, and offers a more personalized experience than standard salons. Because of their popularity, these mobile services are popping up all over the country. To maintain their necessary portability, many rely on portable generators to provide power for grooming tools and vacuums.



The Portable Generator Manufacturers' Association (PGMA) welcomes these small business owners to the portable generator family and is proud to assist, even in a small way, in helping our furry friends look their best. To make each grooming session a safe one for people and pets, PGMA also reminds proprietors to follow the same safety protocols recommended for homeowners.

These easy-to-follow guidelines can help prevent dangerous carbon monoxide (CO) inhalation: Always operate generators outdoors as far away from the grooming vehicle as possible, keep exhaust away from people and animals, and continuously monitor CO levels. If you look for portable generators that meet ANSI/PGMA G300-2018 or later safety standard requirements, they will include built-in CO shut-off systems to protect against dangerous carbon monoxide levels. Have a secondary CO detector within the grooming vehicle, too, to provide added protection.

“PGMA members love their pets, too, and want everyone to have a positive experience during these grooming sessions,” said PGMA spokesman Guillermo Rodriguez Sr., director, global product safety and product compliance at Harbor Freight. “Because CO is invisible and odorless, it can accumulate quickly in an enclosed van. We want every mobile operator to plan a safe generator operating zone before the appointment, aim exhaust away from openings, and use CO detectors inside the work area.”

This same safety advice applies to other types of mobile businesses like mobile DJ services, auto care, concierge medical, and personal fitness. If you're working out of a van, truck, trailer or similar enclosed spaced and need a portable generator to conduct your business, these tips are for you.

PGMA has a web site exclusively dedicated to portable generator safety information. It can be found at <https://www.takeyourgeneratoroutside.com/>.

To go directly to PGMA-authorized safety information, visit this page: <https://www.takeyourgeneratoroutside.com/safety-resources/portable-generator-safety-fact-sheet/>.

About PGMA

The Portable Generator Manufacturers' Association (PGMA) is a trade association that seeks to develop and influence safety and performance standards for our industry's products. The Association is also dedicated to educating consumers and tradespersons on the safe use of portable generators and has developed the Take it Outside® campaign to support its mission. Formed in 2009, PGMA members

include major manufacturers of portable generators sold in North America and a significant majority of the industry. www.pgmaonline.com.

Member companies include: American Honda Motor Co., Champion Power Equipment, DuroMax Power Equipment, Firman Power Equipment, Generac Power Systems, JD North America, Harbor Freight Tools USA, Inc., and associate members, Figaro USA, Inc., GenTent Safety Canopies, and Nemoto Sensor Engineering.

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