



CANINE COSTUME CONTEST RULES & DETAILS

Description:

The Canine Costume Contest is an annual contest held at the Irvington Halloween Festival on the same day as the Street Fair. Join our community in showing off you and your dog's creativity!

Eligibility:

- Adult with Dog – 16+
- Child with Dog – 15 and under
- Must be family-friendly

Entry Fee: \$0

Important Dates:

- Must submit registration form by 2:45 PM on October 26th, 2019
- Judging occurs on 3:00 PM on October 26th, 2019

Rules & Format:

- Only dogs are eligible to enter the contest. No other animals will be allowed in the judging area.
- All dogs must remain leashed and be with an adult at all times.
- Dog that are not well-behaved will be disqualified and asked to leave. Definition of “well-behaved” is at the sole discretion of the judges.
- No puppies under 4 months or without vaccinations.
- Rabies and vaccinations must be current.
- Dogs must wear I.D. tags at all times.
- No dogs in heat.
- No aggressive dogs.
- Please pick up after your dog.
- Costumes must be safe and comfortable for dogs.
- Failure to abide by any of these rules will result in disqualification and you being asked to leave the area

Judging Process:

- Judging is done on a 1 -10 scale in each category by 4 judges.
- Criteria includes:
 - Behavior
 - Creativity
 - Humor
 - Character
 - Charisma
 - Uniqueness

Awards:**2 Categories: Dog w/ adult handler and Dog w/ child handler**

- First Place (in each category): Prize basket
- Second Place (in each category): Prize basket
- Awards will be announced at the stage after the end of the parade.
- Prizes can be claimed by the winner at the stage.

Other:**PHOTO RELEASE:**

I agree to allow the HICC and Festival staff to photograph my entry for potential use in Festival media.

LIABILITY WAIVER:

I (We), the registrant(s), do hereby waive the responsibility of my dog to the Irvington Halloween Festival and the community of Irvington, any of its affiliates and/or sponsors for any damages or loss of my animal that may occur at this event. I take sole responsibility for the safety and behavior of my animal.

If you have any questions, please email: irvingtonhalloweenfestival@gmail.com