

## **PET COSTUME CONTEST RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### **Dogs and small animals**

Due to time and space limitations, contestants are limited to the first 20 qualified entries. Registration is based on a first come, first serve basis and will close when 20 entrants have registered. The registration desk will open at 11:00 am. The entry form is to be filled out at the KW Pet Expo by 12:30 pm for the contest at 1:00 pm.

There will be a panel of three judges that will award a prize for most creative costume. Judges will choose the winner based on showmanship, humour, originality, design, colour, tastefulness and creative presentation.

Each contestant will receive a score from 1 to 10 with 10 being the highest. In the event of a tie, the highest score will be determined by audience applause.

### **Rules and Regulations:**

1. Entrants must gather at the show ring at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the contest.
2. Only one pet per entry is allowed. Only one pet allowed on stage at a time.
3. Each pet must be on a leash.
4. Dogs must be 4 months or older.
5. Entrants must fill out a form with name, contact information and a description of your pet and the costume clearly printed so the MC can announce your dog and also to be included in our winners' publicity.
6. No entrant is eligible for more than one award.
7. Entrants will be given a participant number, which must be worn so that it is visible to the judges.
8. No motorized vehicles are allowed.
9. Each dog must have his/her own adult walker. No one under the age of 18 is permitted on stage.
10. Judges' decisions are final and binding.
11. You must be present to win.

Photographers will be set up at the event taking pictures of the winners and random photos of the dogs attending the event will be used for promotion purposes.

### **How to Register**

Download and complete our contest registration form and bring it to the registration table located beside the stage in the Kinsmen Arena at Ren's Main Stage. Registration forms will also be available on site. Registration begins at 11:00 am and is closed at 12:30 pm for the 1:00 pm contest. Registration will close when the first 20 applicants have registered.