

CANINE COSTUME COMPETITION

**Saturday, August 6, 2022, from 4-6:00 p.m.
at the Park Pavilion Stage, Washington County Fair!!!**

This will be a two-part Competition with prizes given to FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD Place Winners in each of the Two Categories:

1. Costumed Canines with their Dressed-Alike/Same-Themed Handlers
2. Talented Costumed Canines (Handlers do not have to wear costumes for this category.)

PRIZES FOR EACH CATEGORY: 1ST PLACE: \$150 2ND PLACE: \$100 3RD PLACE \$50

CANINE COSTUME COMPETITION RULES AND OTHER INFORMATION:

- **NOTE: Canines and their Handlers DO NOT HAVE TO RESIDE in Washington County, Minnesota.**
- **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED BY JULY 27th.** The number of entries for both Categories will be limited.
- **CATEGORY 1:** Please submit your completed Registration Form, signed Release Form, and your Canine's Description to: countyfaircontest@gmail.com **NO LATER than July 27th.**
- **CATEGORY 2: ADVANCED AUDITIONS** are required in order to showcase the best talent in Category 2. Please submit a video clip of your canine performing their talent(s), completed Registration Form, signed Release Form, and your Canine's Description to countyfaircontest@gmail.com **NO LATER than July 27th** for pre-judging. *Costumes are not recommended for this video submission. ***Contestants will be notified by July 29th** whether they have been selected to participate in the live Competition at the Fair on August 6th. Each Talent Contestant will have up to 4 minutes to perform during the competition.
- Each Canine/Handler may enter only one Category. Once registered, Contestants cannot change Categories.
- **1st Place Winners in both Categories cannot enter the same Category the following year.**

EVENT REQUIREMENTS:

- **REHEARSAL:** To help you and your dog practice, a rehearsal will be held on Sunday, July 31st, at 6 p.m., at the Park Pavilion stage on the Washington County Fairgrounds.
- **COMPETITION CHECK IN:** On Saturday, August 6th, Contestants must check in at 3 p.m. You are then free to roam the Fair until the 3:50 p.m. line-up back at the Park Pavilion.
- Each Contestant will be introduced individually by the Master of Canine Ceremonies using information on the Registration Form and the Canine's Description (which may have been edited as needed).
- The Contestant and Handler will then walk down the runway to music while engaging the audience.
- Contestants will be scored on CREATIVITY, ARTISTRY, USE OF COSTUME MATERIALS, STAGE PRESENCE, AUTHENTICITY, and other aspects. **SO HAVE FUN AND BRING YOUR BEST TO THE COMPETITION!**



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REGISTRATION FORM

CATEGORY: (SELECT ONE) CANINE/HANDLER IN DRESS-ALIKE/THEMED COSTUMES TALENTED COSTUMED CANINE

HANDLER NAME: _____

CANINE NAME: _____ BREED: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

*** CANINES AND HANDLERS DO NOT HAVE TO RESIDE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA.**

PHONE: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

CANINE'S DESCRIPTION: PLEASE PROVIDE A DESCRIPTION OF YOUR CANINE. INCLUDE NAME, BREED, AGE, DIET, PERSONALITY, HOBBIES OR SPECIAL POWERS, FAVORITE GAMES & PASTIMES, TREATS, AND OTHER DEFINING CHARACTERISTICS. HAVE FUN WITH IT! DESCRIPTION WILL BE USED ON STAGE TO PRESENT YOUR CANINE TO THE JUDGES AND THE AUDIENCE WHILE YOU SHOWCASE YOUR CANINE THEN YOU WILL LEAD THEM DOWN THE RUNWAY TO MUSIC! BE ENTERTAINING AND CREATIVE!

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED AT COUNTYFAIRCONTEST@GMAIL.COM BY: JULY 27th

CATEGORY 1: "CANINES/HANDLERS IN DRESSED-ALIKE/SAME THEMED COSTUMES" – PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM, SIGNED COMPETITION RELEASE FORM, AND YOUR CANINE'S DESCRIPTION TO: COUNTYFAIRCONTEST@GMAIL.COM NO LATER THAN JULY 27th.

CATEGORY 2: "TALENTED COSTUMED CANINES" - CREATE A VIDEO OF YOUR CANINE PERFORMING THEIR SPECIAL TALENT AND SUBMIT IT ALONG WITH YOUR COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM, COMPETITION RELEASE FORM, AND YOUR CANINE'S DESCRIPTION TO: COUNTYFAIRCONTEST@GMAIL.COM NO LATER THAN JULY 27th. *COSTUMES ARE NOT RECOMMENDED FOR THE AUDITION VIDEOS* EACH TALENT CONTESTANT WILL EACH HAVE UP TO 4 MINUTES TO PERFORM. ANY AUDIO and MUSIC MUST BE ON AN AUDIO CD and labeled. NO CELL PHONES/USB THUMB DRIVES FOR AUDIO and MUSIC (due to issues such as passcodes on phones, compatibility, etc.)

- CONTESTANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY JULY 29th WHETHER THEY HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LIVE COMPETITION AT THE FAIR ON AUGUST 6th.



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RELEASE FORM

I, (print first and last name) _____, and my Canine Contestant do **BOTH** agree to participate in the Canine Costume Competition in the 2022 Washington County Fair.

I am over the age of 18, (or if under the age of 18, through my natural parent or legal guardian), hereby agree that I have been informed of or am aware of the risks involved in participating in the Washington County Fair 2022 Canine Costume Competition.

I have sufficient skills and experience to participate in the abovementioned activity without causing injury to myself or other participants, human and canine. I agree to use due care while engaging in the abovementioned activity including but not limited to risks arising from the negligent acts or omissions of any person, persons, or canines, including the employees, officers and/or agents of the Washington County Fair. I agree to relieve and release the Washington County Fair, its employees, officers, and agents, and all event Staff and sponsors, from all liability for any loss, damage, or injury, whether to person, canine, or property, which I may suffer while engaging in the abovementioned activity. I expressly give permission to the Washington County Fair to use any photographs of me, my canine, our images, or my works produced or created during my participation in or for the abovementioned activity, and give permission for duplication, reproduction, or distribution solely at the discretion of the Washington County Fair without further permission, royalty or compensation.

Signature of Human Contestant/Canine Handler _____ Date: _____

If under 18 years of age, include: Printed First/Last Name of Human Contestant/Canine Handler's Parent/Guardian:

_____ Date: _____

Signature of Human Contestant/Canine Handler Parent or Guardian _____

Email to: COUNTYFAIRCONTEST@GMAIL.COM with both Registration and Release Forms (plus Video for Category 2 only) **NO LATER THAN July 27th.**

