

Humane Fort Wayne



Saturday, October 19, 2024 · Allen County War Memorial Coliseum · Fort Wayne, Indiana

## Participation Form

Proceeds from Pawject Runway will benefit homeless pets at Humane Fort Wayne. In exchange for your participation, you will receive advertising and media exposure. This is your chance to unleash your creativity and have some fun!

Groomer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grooming Salon Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Salon Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Salon Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Salon Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Groomer's Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Groomer's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Groomer's Mailing Address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch Option for you (Groomer):  Cold Cut Sandwich  Vegetarian Option  Gluten Free Option

Lunch Option for your handler or assistant:  Cold Cut Sandwich  Vegetarian Option  Gluten Free Option

Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Handler's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Assistant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Runway Walk Theme: \_\_\_\_\_

Music: \_\_\_\_\_

**Maximum 1 dog per groomer, 2 spots per salon.**

Theme and music pending approval.

Humane Fort Wayne will confirm registration within one week of receiving form.

Groomer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form along with a print-quality version of your salon logo**  
to Cody: [caldridge@humanefw.org](mailto:caldridge@humanefw.org).

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## Groomer Bios

**We are asking each of our groomers to submit a few written paragraphs about yourself to be used in our event program and to be read aloud before you walk onstage.**

In these paragraphs, please introduce yourself, your dog, your theme, plus a little extra. Don't be afraid to have fun! We've included some questions to use below if you need inspiration.

**Groomer bios are due to [caldridge@humanefw.org](mailto:caldridge@humanefw.org), on or before Friday, August 2, 2024.**

### Inspiration Questions

- Tell us about yourself. (Come on, brag a little bit!)
- What city & state are you from?
- How long have you been grooming?
- What made you choose to groom?
- What is your theme?
- Why did you choose your theme?
- Tell us about the dog you chose to groom.
- List anyone special who should get credit in your performance such as costume designer, dog's parents, choreographer, etc.
- Tell us about the pets you have now.
- What kind of pets did you have while growing up?
- How would your friends describe you?
- What are your hobbies, things you do for fun?
- What is your favorite way to spend an evening or day off?

### Due By July 19, 2024

- Completed Participation Form
- Theme
- Music selection

### Due by Aug 2, 2024

- Salon logo in print-quality resolution
- Groomer bio
- Before photo of dog
- Headshot (Groomer & Handler) to be used in the program

### Due by September 20, 2024

- Swag bag items *(optional - please arrange drop off with Humane Fort Wayne.)*

Questions? Reach out to Cody by emailing [caldridge@humanefw.org](mailto:caldridge@humanefw.org).



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# Pawject Runway



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## Before Event Checklist

Please send items to [caldridge@humanefw.org](mailto:caldridge@humanefw.org).

### Due By July 19, 2024

- Completed Participation form
- Theme
- Music selection

### Due by September 20, 2024

- Swag bag items (*optional - please arrange drop off to HumaneFW.*)

### Due by August 2, 2024

- Salon logo in print-quality resolution
- Groomer bio
- Before photo of dog
- Headshot (Groomer & Handler) to be used in the program

## Event Timeline

- 11:00 am - 3:00 pm** Groomers check in and arrive for setup.
- 11:00 am - 4:00 pm** Runway available for rehearsal with dogs.
- 3:30 pm** Judges arrive.
- 4:00 pm** Pre-show Judging in Groomer Prep Area. *\*Only the groomer and persons with credentialed lanyards are permitted in the Groomer Prep Area.* No guests allowed. Anyone without a credentialed lanyard must purchase a ticket to watch competition.\*
- 5:00 pm** All Groomers, Handlers, and Dogs report to the Groomer Prep Area for VIP meet & greets.
- 6:00 pm** Doors open to guests arriving to Pawject Runway. Cocktail hour begins with hors d'oeuvres.
- 7:00 pm** Pawject Runway starts.
- Your models need to be in the hallway in order of their appearance 10 minutes before going on stage.
- Groomer may watch the rest of the performance.
- During the awards, each groomer will be called to the stage. At this time, you may bring your dog(s) up to the stage for a photo.

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## Rules

### Contest Description

- Grooming and styling competition utilizing creative sculpting, color application, character creation and design.
- Groomers demonstrating quality grooming techniques.
- Open to all contestants.
- Maximum 1 dog per groomer, 2 spots per salon. Participation is first come, first served. Limited to first 12 dogs entered.

### Acceptable Breeds

- All mixed and pure breed dogs AND cats are permitted. NO live animals other than dogs and cats are permitted for use as props or contest entries.

### Products, Decorative Objects, Color

- All products, decorative objects, coat coloring and applications must be safe for the dog and the stylist.
- Costumes and ornament applications to the dog must not hinder the dog's ability to move, impair his/her ears, legs or tail.
- Costumes and/or decorations must be easily removable for judges' inspection.
- Lifting of dog's natural color is prohibited with the exception of lightening products made specifically for dogs.
- Use of duct tape, carpet tape or any other substance that pulls on the skin or hair to remove is prohibited.
- Glued products must be non-toxic and water-soluble (ex -Aleenes Tacky Glue).
- Large or heavy objects placed on the dog are prohibited.
- Acceptable Products:
  - Colored styling gels, colored hairsprays, non-toxic chalk, non-toxic markers, Kool-Aid, food coloring.
  - Pet labeled colors.
  - Safe human labeled semi-permanent colors.

### Groomer's Prep Area

- We will supply prep area for competing groomers which will open at 11:00 am the day of the event.
- Each Groomer will be responsible to bring extension cord/powerstrip and grooming table if needed. One table will be supplied for supplies. Seating will be provided.
- Only the groomer and persons with credentialed lanyards are permitted in the Groomer's Prep Area. No guests allowed. Anyone without a credentialed lanyard must purchase a ticket to watch competition.
- Please bring a drop cloth to help keep your area clean if prepping at the venue.

### Competition Dog/Cat Preparation

- Coats should be clean, dry and free of tangles
- Ears should be clean
- Toenails should be trimmed
- Sanitary area and pads may be trimmed
- All grooming, color may be applied prior to coming to the competition or at the venue.

### Judging Considerations

#### Technical Finish

- Precision and sharpness of clipper lines
- Quality of scissor finish
- Overall decorative application
- Overall color application, depth of color, separation of color and blending

#### Profile

- Design appearance
- Concept easily recognizable
- Intricacy balance
- Originality of design
- Original concept for previously executed design
- Unique use of color, decorations or applications
- Percentage of design created during competition
- Degree of difficulty of color application prior to and during competition

### Awards & Judging Categories

- Judging panel will choose first and runner-up placements in each category. Awards will consist of various grooming prize packages, grooming scissors, supplies, etc.
- Judging Categories:
  - Twinsies (matching theme of dog, groomer and/or handler)
  - Colorworks
  - Scissorworks
  - Best Pawformance (First place only)
- People's Choice Award is chosen by the audience and is separate from the other awards. This award goes to the contestant who garners the most votes. The presentation may engage the audience. (First place only)

### General Items

- Smoke, confetti, streamers or explosive items are strictly prohibited as they will set off alarms, or incur cleaning charges.
- Themes and music will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. In the event of duplication, groomers will be notified immediately and asked to choose an alternate.
- After theme and music approval from the Pawject Runway Committee, each groomer will provide a submission video to be used the night of the event.
- Groomer and/or handler walks their competing groomed dog down the runway.
- Groomer must arrive to the venue on event day between 11 am & 3 pm.
- The runway will be open for rehearsal on event day between 11 am & 4 pm.
- Pre-show judging will begin promptly at 4:00 pm.
- Dogs competing are required to have proof of updated vaccinations.
- Dogs not competing are not allowed.
- There will be a grassy area outside for dogs to potty. Please bring poop bags and clean up after them.