

Humane Fort Wayne



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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.