



2021 CANINE COSTUME CONTEST RULES & DETAILS

Description: Let your faithful companion join in the fun by entering your dog in this year's Canine Costume Contest! Come on out with your dog and let Irvington learn just how adorable your costumed cutie can be!

Registration:

- Day of the Street Fair, October 30th, 2021.
- Parking Lot at Irvington Branch of the Indianapolis Public Library 5625 E. Washington St. (South end of parking lot)
- **Registration begins at 1:00pm** and the final registration **deadline is 2:45pm – owner and dog MUST be in judging area by 3:00pm sharp!**

Entry Fee: FREE

Contest Details:

- There will be TWO Categories for the Costume Contest: Adult/Dog and Child/Dog.
- Entrants must be leashed and licensed and present at the Street Fair.
- Entries must be submitted no later than 2:45pm. - **Judging begins promptly at 3:00 pm.**
- Participant's number must be pinned to the owner and visible to the judges.
- **Participants and dogs are encouraged to be a part of the Marty Powell Costume Parade!** The Parade will begin at 4:00pm.
- Winners in both categories will be announced from the main stage after the parade is complete (~5pm)
- The winning dog(s) will pose for a photo. Winners' name and photo will be included in our post-event press releases and on our website, and on future promotional events.

Contest Rules:

- Only dogs are eligible to enter the contest. No other animals will be allowed in the judging area.
- All dogs must remain leashed and 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 Criteria:

- Entrants will be judged on costume and behavior for creativity, humor, character, charisma & uniqueness.
- Matching human and dog costumes are encouraged.
- The judges' decisions will be final.