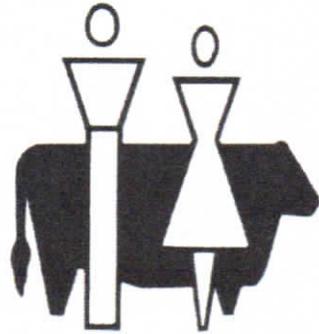


BERRIEN COUNTY YOUTH FAIR
DOG DEPARTMENT 22; DIVISION 1



TRADITIONAL
DOG COSTUME EVENT
JUDGING PROGRAM,
PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES



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Traditional Dog Costume Event Introduction

Dog Costume Event demonstrates the exhibitor's team theatrical costume skills (*team being the exhibitor and Dog*) while having fun with his or her Dog.

Traditional Dog Costume Event Purpose

To have fun!

Sportsmanship

Sportsmanship is an aspiration or ethos that a sport or activity will be enjoyed for its own sake, with proper consideration for fairness, ethics, respect, and a sense of fellowship with one's competitors. A "sore loser" refers to one who does not take defeat well, whereas a "good sport" means being a "good winner" as well as being a "good loser" (*someone who shows courtesy towards another in a sports game*).

"Win as if you are used to it, lose as if you enjoyed it for a change."

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

"You pay for the judge's opinion and you will get it... whether you agree with it or not."

~ Kerri Barnes.

Berrien County Youth Fair's Exhibitor's Parking - As the Dog and Cat Arena is located in the Youth Memorial Reserve Parking Lot, exhibitor may drive up to the Dog and Cat Arena, unload his or her equipment, and then park the car.

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Major Event - TR Dog Costume Event is not a major event.

Premiums - Premiums will not be given for Traditional Dog Costume Event.

Registration - TR Exhibitor must have registered for TR Dog Costume Event class on or before July 1st (*see BCYF Exhibitor Handbook*).

TR Dog Costume Event Information Card -

1. **COSTUME INFORMATION CARD** can be picked up at the Dog Department Registration Table Tuesday through Thursday of fair week.
2. TR exhibitor **will fill out a COSTUME INFORMATION CARD** to hand in at the Registration Table no later than one (1) hour prior to costume judging.
3. Costume Information Card will be used by the Ring Master for announcing your team's costume theme as your team singly parades in front of the judge(s) and audience.

TR Dog Costume Event General Rules:

1. One (1) Dog per TR exhibitor.
2. The TR exhibitor **SHALL HAVE AN ACTIVE PART** in the preparation of his or her own and Dog's costume.

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3. Dog must be on a leash while parading on the fairgrounds and while in the Costume Judging Ring.

TR Dog Costume Event Classes Offered

1. COS TR Juniors (ages 5-9)
2. COS TR Intermediates (ages 10-13)
3. COS TR Seniors (ages 14-20)

TR Costume Parade

1. If the weather is not conducive to the health and wellbeing of the Dogs and/or exhibitors, the Dog Costume Parade will be cancelled.
2. Parade line up will begin at fifteen (15) minutes before actual start time.
3. Exhibitors will parade on the fairgrounds around the Mall Area.

TR Costume Event Judging

1. Exhibitor and Dog will be judged as one (1) unit.
2. The exhibitor's team may be shown only once in the class he or she has registered in.
3. Judge(s) will base his or her decisions based upon the
 - a. **Theme** of the costumes
 - b. **Originality** of the costumes
 - c. **Quality** of the costumes
4. Judge may ask questions of the exhibitor as to
 - a. What inspired the exhibitor to choose this theme of costume?
 - b. How the costumes were made?
 - c. What materials the costumes were made from?
5. **JUDGE'S DECISIONS ARE FINAL.**

TR Costume Event Awards

1. **Class Placement Awards** - For each class offered, TR Costume Event Class Placement Awards are
 - a. **First Place** - Trophy and 1st place Rosettes
 - b. **Rosette** for second through sixth placement will be given for class placements.
2. **Championship** - TR Costume Event Championship Awards are
 - a. Judge(s) will review first place winners from all three (3) classes and choose which one deserves the "**BEST COSTUME**" Grand Champion award.
 - b. Only one (1) exhibitor will be recognized as having the "**BEST COSTUME**" Grand Champion.

