

Wag, Wiggle Walk Pet Contest

Pet Contest Rules & Instructions

Habitat Ocala Strawberry Festival

Saturday, March 7, 2020 at 1:30 PM

- ❖ **Check in:** Contestants will check in at table near Stage 2 prior to the contest. Contestants will be given a number for their pet or owner to wear, this number will be assigned to your pet throughout the entire competition. Once you have registered, you will stand by until your category is called. As each category will be called, contestants will line up in numerical order near the stage steps. The Emcee will instruct all contestants to walk on stage and line up facing the judges. The judges will be located at the table – make sure the judges can see your pets' performances.
-Numbers will be given at time of check-in/registration

- ❖ **The Emcee will call each category** – all pets who registered for that category will line up near the stage steps.

- ❖ **Categories:**
 - **Best Costume** – handmade is the best but store bought is welcomed. Dress your pet in their best outfit and let them show off – Judged on originality and costume. Hint: owners could dress in character as well for extra points
 - **Best Trick**- have your pet perform their best trick- wow the judges and the audience (ex. Sit, stay, off leash, retrieve, cool tricks etc.). Judged on trick performance and complexity of trick
 - **Cutest** – we know all the pets are cute, but we must pick the top three cutest pets around. Make sure your pet is looking good and ready to show off their coats, feathers or hair to impress the judges. Sunglasses, bows, ties, bowties are acceptable to WOW over the judges. Judged on overall cuteness
 - **Owner Look Alike** - Who doesn't look like their pet? This is the time to show off, you can dress the same, have the same glasses, brush your hair the same etc. Some owners/pets do not need anything as they just look like their pets. Judged on how much an owner looks like their pet.
 - **Best Rescue** – We feel people who rescue pets have a unique and tender heart and we love to hear stories of how you rescued your pet or how your pet rescued YOU. There are too many unwanted animals and we want to focus on adoption and hear how your pet became a part of the family. Judged on uniqueness and overall story on why you chose your pet or why your pet

chose you. Please submit your story in advanced for judges review to tarens@habitatocala.org

Make YOUR pet stand out for the judges

On Stage:

Once on stage, please line-up in numerical order, line up near back railing to give each contestant enough room to perform.

Only 1 pet at a time will be asked to come up to the presentation area to perform for the judges.

Once your pet is done performing, you will step back in line and the next contestant will step forward to perform.

❖ **Winners:**

After each category, the judges will deliberate and choose 1st, 2nd & 3rd PLACE WINNERS.

Winners for each category will be call in the order of 3rd, 2nd & 1st PLACE to accept their award. All judges' votes are final.

- ❖ After each category, all pets will leave the stage. If you have entered your pet into another category, please exit stage and line up near stairs to enter the stage again.

Contestants and winners are subjected to pictures being taken, many smiles and a lot of fun. Pictures may appear on social media and our website to use. All proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity Homeownership Program. All votes are final.