

Princess for Paws Pageant

Rules and Regulations

1. Pageant Contestant Rules

- Dress code is fall or country theme- outfits can be handmade or store bought.
ABSOLUTELY NO FORMAL ATTIRE OR COSTUMES!
- Natural beauty only please, light makeup is permitted which covers neutral color products. No spray tans please.
- Hair can be styled, no formal hairstyles and fake hair is not authorized unless worn on a daily basis.
- Keep in mind to not expose the 3 B's this is a family friendly event, please keep you bottoms, bosoms, and bellies appropriately clothed
- Each contestant will be escorted by their puppy*, please no additional props that could distract the animals.
- Remember if under the age of 8, contestant must have an adult present to help control the puppy. * When contestant is center stage, adult will stand behind contestant.
- Pageant fee only includes the main age division chosen upon registering, optionals are available please see contestant optionals for more details.

2. Pageant Contestant Optionals

- Each contestant is eligible to enter into optionals within their division.
- Optional categories are Most Photogenic, Best Eyes, Best Smile, Best Dressed, and Best Hair.
- Optional categories are \$10 each or \$40 for all optionals included.
- If entering for Most Photogenic please include a minimum of 1 up to a maximum of 3, 8x10 photos. Photos can be turned in day of competition, and will be returned at the end of the pageant. Photos can be black and white or colored. Place photo in a clear protective cover with contestant's name and age on back. Please use natural posed photos, it does not have to be of professional quality.
- The only overall optional is the Lending a Helping Paw Award. This is an Overall Optional Fundraiser award given to the contestant who raises the most donations. There is a minimum \$50 donation to compete for this award. Contestants will need to track all donor and donations on Signature Sheet that is provided by Princess for Paws.

3. Pageant Winner Responsibilities

- The winner of each division will be required to attend up to 6 public appearances in the next year on behalf of Princess for Paws. These events may include appearances at other fundraisers to the passing of the crown in 2018. The crown and the sash will be required at these events.
- Winners and parents of division winners are reminded that when wearing crown and sash that they are representing the Princess for Paws organization, and to do so in a positive manner.
- Any damaged or destroyed crown, sash, or medal may be replaced at the expense of the contestant. Pageant director and staff are not responsible for awards damaged by a contestant.

4. Puppy Etiquette

- Puppy* must be leashed at all times.
- Puppy* messes must be cleaned up within the venue, handler is responsible for performing this task.
- Keep in mind many things will be occurring simultaneously at the event, this may make some animals excitable please keep control of your puppy. *
- Handler is responsible for the puppy's actions, if these actions are deemed unsafe handler may be asked to remove puppy* from venue.
- Please do not approach another puppy* without asking their handler for permission.

5. Puppy Pageant Rules

- Puppy* must provide proof at check in of a valid Rabies vaccination.
- Puppy* must be leashed at all times, even when performing best trick.
- Puppy* may be dressed in the themes outlined in the Contestant section. Please no costumes (i.e. Halloween styles)
- Puppy* optionals are available if competing in an optional category they will be judged during the regular pageant for their category
- Puppy* optionals are Cutest, Best Trick, and Look-a-Like. It is \$10 each.
- Puppies* competing in Best Trick are limited to 90 seconds to perform said trick.
- Props are only allowed during Best Trick performance ex. Balls, hoops, other toys, etc. No additional time will be given for set up.

6. Audience and Contestant Etiquette

- All attendees will respect the decisions of the judges; any obscene or obnoxious behavior will not be tolerated.
- At no time should a contestant or parent approach the judges or staff.
- A professional photographer will be on site to capture official photos of the pageant, as well as offering professional photos for purchase.
- Any attendee who wishes to take photos or videos of the event shall not distract or impede contestants, judges, or other attendees.
- Pageant director and those in charge of the facility are not responsible for any loss, stolen, or damaged property. Nor are they responsible for any injuries that may occur before, during, or after the pageant.
- We reserve the right to disqualify any contestant or refuse entry to anyone who we feel is displaying bad sportsmanship or misconduct.
- We reserve the right to change or alter anything about the pageant that the director deems necessary.

7. Raffle Policy

- Raffle ticket winner must be present in order to claim raffled item.
- Each raffled item will have its own ticket container to enter.
- Raffle ticket purchasers can place as many tickets in a container as they deem appropriate.
- If selected as a winner multiple times, it is up to the winner to continue to collect their raffle items or to decline
- All raffle tickets are \$1 each.

8. Weather and Return Policy

- Inclement weather will be determined by Onslow County Parks and Recreation, if they cancel Dog Day in the Park the Princess for Paws pageant will be cancelled as well.
- All donations, pageant fees, and elected optional fees **ARE FINAL**, regardless of pageant's cancellation due to inclement weather.
- Puppies* must be leashed and under physical control by the handler at all times during the event. Failure to control puppy* will result in removal from the event **WITHOUT REFUND!**

9. Payment

- Payment is accepted as cash, charge card or cashiers / bank check. No personal checks will be accepted.
- Cashiers/bank check is to made out to Princess for Paws Inc.
- Signature sheets for “Lending a Helping Paw” need to be filled out in full for tax purposes. A letter that will serve as a receipt for their donation will be mailed with in 4 weeks from the event.

