



Second annual grooming competition for



March 25, 2012
12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

*At the HAWS Shelter
701 Northview Road, Waukesha*

REGISTRATION FORM - DUE MARCH 4, 2012

Please print clearly.

COMPETITOR:

Name _____
Salon name _____
Mailing address _____
Phone number () _____
Email address _____
How long have you been grooming? _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Name _____
Relationship to you? _____
Emergency Phone () _____

Registration fee: \$30
Checks payable to: HAWS

Mail to: HAWS (Humane Animal Welfare Society)
Attn: Angela Ng
701 Northview Rd
Waukesha, WI 53186
Or fax to: 262-542-8853

Please direct any questions to Angela Ng at angela@hawspets.org.

CONTEST REGULATIONS & REQUIREMENTS

- 🐾 Good sportsmanship is a must! We are ambassadors for our industry and the way we act could very well shape the adopters opinions of groomers.
- 🐾 Ringside coaching and visual aids in the ring are not allowed.
- 🐾 All contestants must bring their own equipment. Tables will be provided. If desired, bring blocks to raise the table. Please, no dryers or vacuum clippers in the ring.
- 🐾 All types of grooming and styling methods and techniques are permitted: clipping, scissoring, straight shears, thinning shears, hand-stripping, plucking and carding. Use of snap-on combs is also permitted.
- 🐾 Your attire may show your business name. Please refrain from having other advertisements on your table. Also, please bring an 8x10 portrait-style sign to hang on your dog's kennel after grooming if you'd like to advertise. We will be more than happy to put your business card in the file with the dog you groom. Adopters from all over come to HAWS, so even if you are out-of-county this is an easy way to be seen!
- 🐾 Competitors are encouraged to dress professionally. Excessively tight or revealing attire is strongly discouraged. Styling smocks are recommended during competition. Shoes (preferably with nonskid soles) must be worn. "Flip flops" and other open-toed shoes are considered to be unsafe ring attire and are discouraged.
- 🐾 Each Competitor must provide a comb for use by the Judge, should the Judge elect to comb through the dog's coat.
- 🐾 When time is up, it's up! With the exception of finishing sprays, nothing can be done to the entry other than re-combing of the coat. For example, placement of bands in show topknots must be done in the allotted class time.
- 🐾 The Judge will not comb through the head/neck of entries in show trims requiring application of rubber bands, hair-spray or other coat-enhancement products.
- 🐾 Competitors must be in the ring set up with their dog at 12:00 p.m. for pre-judging. Failure to do this will result in dismissal.
- 🐾 Cell phones, I-pods and similar devices should not be in use once the class starts.
- 🐾 Rough handling & cruel and/or inhumane treatment of a dog whether by handling or neglect will not be tolerated: Remember, the public is watching!
 - 🐾 Do not leave your dog unattended on the table.
 - 🐾 Do not let the dogs mingle nose to nose, unless you have been notified they get along. (We must do everything possible to prevent a dog fight.)
- 🐾 Injuring a dog will automatically keep you from placing.
- 🐾 Keep your dog on-leash at all times unless on the table.
 - 🐾 When outside, please pick up after your dog (we can provide poop bags).
- 🐾 Awards will be (1) Best in Show, (2) Second Place and (3) Third Place.
- 🐾 Have fun! (Don't worry we won't kick you out if you don't!)

Dog Information

- 🐾 These are shelter dogs not show dogs, so for some this may be their first professional groom!
- 🐾 We will attempt to get all the dogs spayed/neutered within a week before the competition; you will be informed if they are still intact.
- 🐾 All the dogs will be behavior-evaluated and adoptable. *(Note from Angela: I swear I am not trying to get any groomers eaten!)*

Judging Criteria

- 🐾 Styled to suit the dog's personality.
 - 🐾 Style does not have to conform to breed standard, but may.
- 🐾 Grooming techniques that ensure the best outcome for the dog's coat type and starting condition.
- 🐾 Overall technical finish.
- 🐾 Handling of animals.
- 🐾 Degree of difficulty.
- 🐾 Change in overall appearance from start to finish.

Photos

- 🐾 Several volunteer photographers will be taking before/after shots as well as candid shots.
- 🐾 If you place, please do not leave without getting your picture taken!

Miscellaneous

- 🐾 **All entries are due at HAWS by March 4, 2012.**
- 🐾 UltraLift Inc. will be providing portable tables for the event; bring blocks if desired.
- 🐾 As at our 2011 event, judging will be done by Christein Sertzal.
- 🐾 Prizes to be determined; cash prizes and ribbons will be awarded.

Can't compete, but still want to be involved?

- 🐾 Foster a HAWS contest dog for a few weeks prior to the event! HAWS will provide all supplies.
- 🐾 Help bathe and prep dogs the morning of the competition: All 12 dogs will need fresh baths and blowouts that morning. Bathing facilities and equipment available on site.
- 🐾 Donate homemade baked dog treats or a prize for the raffle.
- 🐾 Attend the event! This is a great opportunity to watch and learn.

CONTESTANT WAIVER OF LIABILITY



In consideration of the Humane Animal Welfare Society (HAWS) of Waukesha County, Inc. accepting my entry for participation in this contest, I agree to release and hold harmless HAWS from and against any and all loss, damage, claims, liability, costs and expenses, of any nature whatsoever, including without limitation, attorney's fees and disbursements.

I understand there are certain risks inherent in handling animals (may bite, scratch or injure), and I further release HAWS from any liability from any future injuries.

I agree to allow HAWS to photograph or use for publicity, publications, and programs information regarding competitor's participation in this event.

Contestant Signature

Contestant Name (please print)