

# 2018 World's Ugliest Dog® Contest

## RULES AND JUDGING INFORMATION

### HOW TO ENTER

1. Complete and sign the attached Entry Form

Mail to the Sonoma-Marín Fairgrounds the following:

- Entry Form  High Quality Digital Picture of Dog & Biography  Proof of Vaccinations  Entry fee(s)

### ENTRY FORM DUE DATES

Entry Forms must be in our office by **Wednesday, June 20, 2018, by 5:00 p.m.** (postmarks NOT accepted)

Entries are FREE if submitted by May 14, 2018. After May 14<sup>th</sup>, \$10 entry fee per dog. Sorry, no late or post-entries allowed.

Judging date: Saturday, June 23, 2018, 6:00 p.m. Kiwanis Stage, Sonoma-Marín Fairgrounds

### PRIZES

First Place: \$1,500 & Trophy to the World's Ugliest Dog®

Second Place: \$1,000

Third Place: \$ 500

Special Award: Spirit Award (determined by dog's biography and selected by award sponsor) The World's Ugliest Dog® Spirit Award will honor a dog and owner who have overcome obstacles and/or are providing service to the community based on the dog's biography. Examples of this are: raising awareness for dog rescue and adoption, visiting nursing homes or hospitals, participating in reading time at the library, etc. This award cannot be won by the same owner over 2 consecutive years.

### RULES

1. Entrants must bring their own pooper-scooper and water dish.
2. Contestant and owner/handler will be given a shirt that they are required to wear on stage for the competition.
3. Any inhumane or other inappropriate action to animals by the contestant may cause disqualification, forfeiture of awards, and removal of contestant and dog from the fairgrounds.
4. Animal must not have been intentionally altered to enhance appearance for this contest.
5. Animal health decisions will be made in the best interest of the animal and other animals at the fair.
6. No animal shall be admitted or remain on the grounds that shows evidence of any active, communicable disease.
7. No animal shall be admitted on grounds from any premises under quarantine for disease.
8. Management reserves the right to require health inspections and/or diagnostic tests before, during or after animals admitted to the fairgrounds and to implement disease control procedures as deemed necessary.
9. Determinations made by the official veterinarian and/or judges shall be final and cannot be protested. No refund will be made.
10. Contestants must comply with all state and federal animal health regulations and Sonoma-Marín Fair's health requirements.
11. Dogs must be under the control of the handler always. Aggressive or uncontrollable dogs may be removed from the competition and the fairgrounds at management's discretion.
12. All dogs must show proof of current vaccinations when entry form is submitted.
13. The Judge's decision is FINAL. If the dog does not pass vet check, the handler will be asked to remove the dog from the property.
14. First place winner agrees to appear with their dog for all media events required immediately following contest.  
*\*Directly following the contest, the winners will be interviewed by various members of the media and professional photographs will be taken. The first-place winner will be required to fly to New York on Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> for an appearance on the NBC's Today Show on Monday morning. Any interviews following the Today Show are at the discretion of the winner. All dogs must have a health certificate (dated within 10 days of flying) and appropriately sized carrier. Dogs over 20 pounds are subject to special travel requirements. For more information, please check out American Airlines Checklist that details transporting your pet. [https://www.aacargo.com/downloads/pet\\_checklist.pdf](https://www.aacargo.com/downloads/pet_checklist.pdf)*
15. The winner is required to have a dog carrier for the media events, so you must have a carrier with you at the contest. Contest staff will check to confirm you have a carrier available.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **Arrival Time:** Saturday, June 23, 2018 --Check-In Noon-4 p.m.
- **Mandatory Meeting:** Saturday, June 23, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. at Kiwanis Park Stage
- **Judging:** Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. American System of Judging
- **Admission into Fair:** Contestants with dogs will be admitted free to the Fair. (All other family members and friends must pay admission)

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