

## Atlanta Pet Fair & Conference 2019

# SPECIAL GROOMING CLASSES – RULES and REGULATIONS

**Registration deadline: Thursday February 21, 2019 5:00 pm PST**

### **RESCUE RODEO COMPETITION**

#### **Sponsored by Wahl Clipper Corporation**

The intention of this class is to recognize the groomer's ability to take whatever grooming job comes their way and create a clean, well-groomed dog using rescue dogs from shelters. The groomer will use his or her grooming expertise while handling these dogs with compassion. The top 5 placements will not only win a cash prize but the supplied dogs rescue organization will also take home the same cash donation.

#### **Class Eligibility**

Open to any and all groomers who can handle dogs of varying temperament and condition and know full well that the dog may not be 100% cooperative and may not be in very good condition. He or she must be willing to show their skill in every aspect of the grooming process. This contest is open to 35 participants.

You will be given a number for a dog from one of the rescue groups. Each will have been evaluated to determine if the dog is suitable for the competition environment. You may receive pure bred or mixed breed dogs. The dog's entire grooming process will be completed in the ring and spa.

#### **Competition Time Frame- Rescue Rodeo**

All dogs will be permitted 3 hours. In this time, you will do all prep work, bathe, dry and groom in designated areas.

You will be given staggered bathing times. Order of the bathing time will be determined by the contest staff. Judges will consider styling to suit the dog's conformation, coat type and degree of difficulty. While others are in the spa area it is suggested you do as much preparation and grooming as possible prior to the bathing process.

#### **Judging Considerations**

The judges will evaluate the following:

- Styled to suit the dog's conformation
- 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

The judges will be permitted to confer during the competition, as well as at the end of the time limit during their deliberations. They may narrow the competition down to a group of 10, and then announce the top 5 placements. The judges' decisions will be final and binding.

## **Awards**

The judges will choose First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth placement.

1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$500 in cash, plus \$500 will be donated to your rescue dog's organization.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$400 in cash, plus \$400 will be donated to your rescue dog's organization.

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$300 in cash, plus \$300 will be donated to your rescue dog's organization.

4<sup>th</sup> Place - \$200 in cash, plus \$200 will be donated to your rescue dog's organization.

5<sup>th</sup> Place - \$100 in cash, plus \$100 will be donated to your rescue dog's organization.

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## **Grooming Equipment**

Grooming tables and grooming arms will be furnished to contestants. Contestants must supply their own towels, grooming loop and equipment. Competitors from outside the USA may request to borrow a pair of clippers for the competition but must supply all blades. Send request to [janelle@wpamail.org](mailto:janelle@wpamail.org) by February 21, 2019.

See General Rules for more information