LANCASTER CAPITAL DAY

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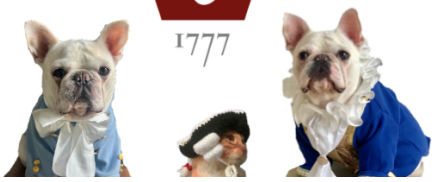

Pet Costume Contest

Submit your pet to the costume contest for Lancaster Capital Day! Whether your pet is shy and likes to stay home or you want to bring them to the festival, you can participate!

How to Enter

- Dress up your pet in their best historical costume.
- Snap a clear photo (solo shots work best, make sure your pet's costume is easy to see).
- Fill out the form here:
  - https://forms.gle/661T9HLkEYcHwMBU6
- Entries close **Friday, September 25 at 9:00 PM.**
- If attending in person on Lancaster Capital Day, check in at the Hamilton Stage in Penn Square by 11:30am on Saturday, September 26, join the parade at 12:00pm, and gather for judging at 12:30pm.

Entry is free and open to pets of all species: dogs, cats, rabbits, birds, reptiles, etc.

Categories

- **Best in Show**
  - The single best overall costume, judged on creativity, craftsmanship, and pure "wow" factor.
- **Founding Fur-ther Award**
  - Best historical or patriotic costume, in honor of Lancaster's one-day stint as the U.S. capital back in 1777.
- **Funniest Costume**
  - For the entry that gets the biggest laugh from our judges.
- **Most Creative**
  - Awarded to the most original or unexpected concept, bonus points for homemade costumes.

*Every pet can only be entered in one category, so pick the one that fits best.

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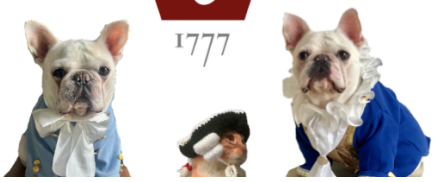

Judging & Prizes

A panel of local judges will review all entries after the submission deadline. Each category winner receives a ribbon and bragging rights as an official Lancaster Capital Day Pet Costume Contest champion.

A Few Ground Rules

- Costumes should be comfortable and safe for your pet, so nothing that restricts breathing, movement, or vision.
- No costumes involving real flames, sharp objects, or anything that could startle other animals or attendees.
- AI enhanced photos will NOT be accepted/awarded. Please submit raw photos only.
- By submitting, you agree Lancaster Capital Day can share your pet's photo on our social media and website with credit to you.
- One entry per pet, please, but feel free to enter more than one pet!
- All pets need to be up to date on all required veterinary immunizations and be friendly with crowds, children, and other animals. Failure to meet any of these requirements may result in owners being asked to leave the event with their animals.

Questions? Email info@lancastercapitalday.org