

Rules - Vita Canis Style To Rescue 2020

The intention of this competition is to recognise 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 10 placements will not only win a cash prize but the supplied dogs rescue organisation 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 50 competitors.

You will be given a number for a dog from 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 area (mobile dog grooming vans).

Competition Time Frame

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 dogs coat type and starting condition
- Overall technical finish
- Handling of animals
- Degree of difficulty
- Change in overall appearance from start to finish

Awards

The judges will choose 1st to 10th placement.

ON-SITE ADOPTION OFFERED BY SOME GROUPS

Grooming Equipment

Contestants must supply their own grooming table, grooming arm and equipment, including cordless clippers only to be used. If you request grooming table please send request to vitacanis@hotmail.co.uk by April 15th, 2020

Warnings

The judges will give a warning for the following violations. A second warning will result in disqualification.

Professional and Technical Warnings:

- Inappropriate attire.
- Inappropriate language and attitude.
- Skin abrasions such as clipper burns, nicks or cuts.
- Handstripping or plucking in a non-compassionate manner.

Handling Warnings:

- Dog left unattended on grooming table.
- Dog jumping or falling off grooming table.
- Rough handling of dog.
- Safety loop adjusted too high.
- Lifting of dog by tail strictly prohibited.
- Use of cell phones or radios and headsets.
- Smoking in competition ring.
- Standing on grooming tables.
- Standing on chairs to groom or style.
- Beverages not in spill-proof containers.
- Coaching by anyone, at any time, during competition.

The judges' decisions will be final and binding.