

## Barkus Terms of Participation:

1. Dogs only. All dogs must have current vaccinations.
2. All parading pets are required to be in costume.
3. No political entries permitted.
4. Pet must be leashed- you are responsible for your pet. No aggressive dogs.
5. Each pet entry is \$20, walking or with a float (restrictions apply), and each entry must be accompanied by one human.
6. Only non-motorized floats are eligible. Each float must include at least one pet. A float is defined as a non-motorized bicycle, wagon, stroller, or kiddie car. No motorized, gas or electric floats.
7. Children under the age of 14 that are parading with a pet must be accompanied by an adult.
8. Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:
  - **King and Queen of Barkus**
  - **Cutest Couple- Best Pet/Owner Look a-like Costumes- The award given to the dog and owner that have the best coordination, resemblance, or interaction.**
  - **Best Small Dog Costume**
  - **Best Large Dog Costume**
  - **DIY- Do(g) It Yourself recognizes the best homemade outfit. Previously the Most Original Costume**
  - **Best Float - The award given to the dog that has the most impressive, original, and fun float.**
  - **Judge's Choice - The award given to the dog that has the most creative, colorful, and festive costume.**
  - **Super Hero(ine) - Best Rescue- The award given to the dog that has the most inspiring or touching story of being rescued or adopted.**
9. No solicitation, commercial floats, banners, motorized vehicles, motorcycles, or distribution to spectators.
10. Clean up after your pet. NO EXCUSES.
11. Giving away or selling animals is strictly prohibited.
12. The first 100 Barkus entries will receive a "Wag Bag".
13. Hydration stations and waste bags will be provided.

### Pet Check-In/Registration and Parade Route:

- Pet check-in/registration will begin at the corner of Capitol and Main from 12 p.m. – 2 p.m.
- Each PRE-REGISTERED pet and owner need to check in at Capitol and Main Street from 12 p.m. – 2p.m. to receive a participant number.
- LINE UP WILL BEGIN AT 2 P.M. at the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> and Main, in the Koi (fish) Mural parking lot. The parade will start at 2:30 p.m. at 6th and Main and end at 4th and Main.
- All parading pets and pet parents are required to complete the parade route that will end in the large parking lot at 4th and Main. Follow the leader. Go slow, take your time. Enjoy the limelight!

Paid Parking is available at the 2nd street parking deck, 6th and Scott street parking deck, and on the street where available (free on weekends).

After the 30-minute parade, join a Mardi Gras Block Party in progress in the 300 and 400 block hosted by Downtown Little Rock Partnership, Hounds Lounge Pet Resort and Spa, Brewski's Pub and Grub, and CJRW. The party will include a live Zydeco band, beer garden, Hurricane Station, Brewski's Crawfish Boil, and food trucks. Exhibitor booths will also be set up. Food and beverage are for purchase.

