

Rules and Regulations

2010 Extreme Mutt Makeover Event

Event Overview:

In an effort to promote adoption of homeless animals, the Mustang Heritage Foundation (MHF) is working in conjunction with the Humane Society of North Texas (HSNT), to promote a unique event which will showcase the talents of sheltered or rescued dogs. The Extreme Mutt Makeover will be held in conjunction with the "Supreme Extreme Mustang Makeover," August 13-14, 2010 at the Will Rogers Equestrian Center in Ft. Worth, Texas. Selected trainers will be assigned a shelter dog through random draw, train it for eight weeks and return to compete for prizes during the Supreme Extreme Mustang Makeover. Trainers will be asked to complete basic obedience training, and demonstrate during exhibition any special talents or relationship development with the dog. Trainers will be competing for prize money, amount to be determined via sponsorship.

Canine Mutt Makeover candidates will be assessed and selected by the HSNT, using recognized temperament testing guidelines and scoring system, and diagnostic veterinary testing to determine health. The dogs will be 9 months or older and may be defined as more difficult to adopt due to their age, size or physical characteristics. All dogs will be vaccinated, heartworm negative, micro-chipped and altered, and have no history of biting or mental challenges. Dogs will be selected from HSNT, as well as other area animal shelters.

No less than ten trainers and no more than twenty will be selected through an application process. As much as possible, trainer candidates should be active in the canine rescue community, or express a sincere interest to become involved as a volunteer on behalf of homeless canines. Trainer candidates may be amateurs or professionals.

- Trainers will be assigned a dog through random draw on June 19th, 2010. Trainers must be present to draw for their dog.
- Trainers will be allowed to adopt their dog at conclusion of competition if they so choose. Trainers will be allowed "first right" to adopt; otherwise all dogs will be available for adoption to qualified and interested families. Adoption fee will be \$125.00.
- Applications for adoption will be accepted for all Mutt Makeover dogs throughout the course of event, August 13 and 14, 2010.
- Trainers will be given eight weeks to work with the dog.
- Trainers must provide food, care and veterinary expenses (if necessary) for the dog during the training period.
- Trainers will then compete during the Extreme Mutt Makeover event on August 13 and 14, 2010, and are qualified to compete for prize monies. (See event rules below.) .

Prize money will be distributed to the winning trainers based on total prize money available. Efforts are ongoing to secure sponsorships.

Requirements:

1. All trainer candidates must complete trainer application and submit **by FAX or mail by June 1st, 2010 to the Mustang Heritage Foundation, P. O. Box 979, Georgetown Texas, 78626 or FAX 512-869-3229.**

2. Trainers must be 18 years of age or older and have no prior conviction for inhumane treatment of animals or for violations of the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act.
3. Trainers may not be in the business of breeding or selling dogs for a profit unless working within the service dog training areas.
4. Trainers must have a dog crate or portable fenced area to contain the dog during the Extreme Mutt Makeover competition.
5. Housing and care for the dog must meet all HSNT adoption requirements.
6. Dog training must be humane and compassionate. Preference will be given to trainer applicants who demonstrate the use of positive reinforcement training techniques and who routinely comply with training method standards endorsed by American Humane Association (AHA), The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), or The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA).
7. Trainers are responsible for all care related costs from the day the dogs are picked up (June 19th.) until the close of the competition. (August 14th)
8. Should the dog be deemed dangerous or unadoptable by the trainer or the trainer decides not to participate in the event, the trainer is responsible for returning the dog to the HSNT as soon as possible.
9. Trainers will be asked to sign releases so that all photos and filming may be used to promote the event.
10. Trainer must have three references. One reference must be from a veterinarian and at least one from a rescue or shelter involved individual.
11. As much as possible, trainers should be active in the canine rescue community, or express a sincere interest to become involved as a volunteer on behalf of homeless canines.

Rules:

Trainer applications must be received in the Mustang Heritage Foundation's office on or before June 1st, 2010.

1. Trainer selection will be made by officers of Patti Colbert Enterprises, Inc.
2. HSNT and Mustang Heritage Foundation employees and their spouses are not eligible to compete.
3. Dogs will be assigned to trainers via random draw on June 19th, 2010 at the HSNT facility, 1840 E. Lancaster Fort Worth, Texas 76103
4. Trainers are responsible for picking up the dog on June 19th, 2010 at the HSNT facility located at 1840 E. Lancaster, Fort Worth Texas, 76103. Appropriate crates or dog containment equipment must be used for transporting and containing dogs.
5. Trainers and dogs must arrive at the Will Rogers Equestrian Center on Friday, August 13th by 10 AM for Trainer Meeting and booth set-up.
6. An area will be provided for dogs at the Will Rogers Equestrian Center. ***Dogs must be leashed while at the Will Rogers Equestrian Center***, unless in a designated area outside and away from the horse traffic.
7. There will be three judged events. The first competition or "preliminaries" will be at approximately 4 PM (subject to change) on Friday, August 13th. The second round of competition will be on Saturday, August 14th (time to be announced). The three high scoring dogs and trainers will compete during the Finals event of the Supreme Extreme Mustang Makeover at 7 PM on Saturday, August 14th, 2010

8. Winners will be announced following the Finals on Saturday evening. The Mustang Heritage Foundation and HSNT is soliciting sponsors for the Extreme Mutt Makeover; sponsorship funds will be used for prize money.

Competition Scoring:

1. **Ten (10%) of the overall score will be based on conditioning.** Conditioning – weight, conditioning, hair coat, overall appearance. Trainers may clip or trim dogs, or leave natural. Judges will be given photos of the dogs at the time of pick up from HSNT facility for comparison.
2. **Thirty five (35%) of the overall score will be based on basic obedience.** Trainer will be asked to complete a simple pattern which exhibits the dog's willingness to follow trainer's commands. For example, walking on a leash, jogging on a leash, sit, stay and come.
3. **Fifty five (55%) of the overall score will be based on the Mutt Makeover Course.** A course will be designed that represents simple dog walking challenges, such as walking on a leash, walking over or around obstacles, passing another dog or other animal and being responsive to trainers commands. In addition the trainer will be given 90 seconds to show the dog "at their best". The trainer can demonstrate tricks or the special connection the dog has with trainer. Props are encouraged.
4. **The top three highest scoring dogs will compete in the Finals performance during the Supreme Extreme Mustang Makeover Finals at 7 PM on Saturday, August 14th.** The trainers will be given three minutes to use music, props and theatrical performance to show their dog. Within the performance trainers are required to incorporate walking on a leash, jogging on a leash, sitting and stay. The trainer may do anything (in good taste and safe for the dog) during the finals performance.
5. **A panel of judges (up to four) will score all performances.** Top three dogs will be determined by an averaging of scores accumulated from Conditioning and Preliminary and Semi-Finals performances. Top three dogs will compete for an additional score in the Finals, which will be averaged with that dog's accumulated scores to determine winner and second-third place.
6. **All competition schedules and locations are SUBJECT TO CHANGE.** Dates are confirmed.

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