SouthernMost Puppy V
Official Contest Rules and Guide

I. Each Contestant:

A. May identify as any gender and must be at least twenty one (21) years of age at the time of the event.

B. Must agree to appear onstage wearing appropriate gear and participate in all judging categories while conforming to all State and local regulations pertaining to nudity and obscenity laws.

   1. For the purpose of this contest, genital area must be covered at all times while in public and a one inch (1") strip of material must cover the anus at all times while in public, and on female pups nipples must also be covered while in public unless in areas where nudity is permitted.

C. Winners must agree to represent the SouthernMost Puppy Title, throughout their title year.

D. Must agree to permit onstage photographs to be taken for the use on the SouthernMost Puppy, Phoenix Bar New Orleans, and other websites or related publications at NOLA PAH's discretion.

E. Contestants should arrive at Phoenix Bar no later than 8:30 PM Friday April 6, 2019 and should appear at all scheduled events during SouthernMost Puppy V Contest Weekend April 5-7, 2019.

II. Registration:

A. During registration all contestants will meet with a NOLA PAH Member.

   1. During this time Contestant will be briefed on the do's and don'ts during the weekend while competition is going on.

   2. They will also go over any requests to ensure that all props are within the Safety and Feasibility Guidelines.

   3. You must bring a government issued photo ID to confirm your age at registration.

      a. A picture of your ID will be taken to ensure adherence to the age requirement.

         i. This will remain confidential unless otherwise required for legal purposes.

III. Backstage Assistants:

A. Contestants are permitted one (1) Backstage Assistant to assist in wardrobe changes for the contest.

B. Contestants with Interpreters are allowed one (1) additional backstage assistant, only if their Interpreter is not assisting with wardrobe changes.

C. Contestants must notify us during Registration on Friday of their Backstage Assistant to ensure they receive participant credentials.

IV. Interpreters:

A. If you do not verbally speak or understand English, or if you use American Sign Language, you must bring an interpreter with you and they must attend all official events and rehearsals with you.

1. NOLA PAH does not have the ability to provide Interpreters for all contestants in need. Your Interpreter will be given credentials that authorizes them full access as long as they are with you.

2. Bring your Interpreter with you to Registration on Friday April 6, 2019 during registration.

V. Eliminations:

A. NOLA PAH as SouthernMost Puppy reserves the right to eliminate any contestant or contestants after interviews depending on the number of contestants or for other reasons.

VI. Contest Categories:

A. Interview:

1. Interview is 200 of 550 points and the biggest portion of your final score.

2. Be in pup gear that best fits your personality, if you wear a hood remember to remove it after you meet the judges.

3. SouthernMost Puppy and NOLA PAH do not prepare questions for the judges nor do we approve their questions.

4. Judges are not to touch or fondle any contestant during the interview and if a question is asked that is inappropriate the Executive Producers or Head Judge can and will stop the question.

B. **Pop Question & First Look**:

1. First Look will be for your introduction to the audience, and Pop Question.

    a. First Look will count for 50 out of 550 points.

    b. This should be your most casual pup look.

2. The Judges will create Pop Questions, and after your Introduction you will be asked to choose 1 question from the bowl,

    a. please read it to yourself and then hand the question to the Emcee to read to the audience.

    b. There are no points for this, but it is a show for the audience and there is no wrong or right answers, it is something that you can have fun with and give the audience a good laugh.

C. **Pup Play**:

1. Pup Play is 100 of 550 points.

2. Each Puppy contestant will appear onstage while performing a puppy play scene that they have written.

    a. The scene can be read by the emcee if requested by the contestant.

    b. Judging in this category is based on the contestant's creativity and ability to convey their most playful puppy play scene.

    c. Contestants may involve additional pups, or they can request a volunteer staff member to help.

    d. Props may be used, but must be approved by the contest producers for safety and compliance with the law.

    e. The Pup Scene cannot exceed five (5) minutes in length. (NOTE: The fantasy is to be typed, try to keep it under 150 words and must be turned in at the Contestant Registration on Friday evening.)

D. **Image & Speech:**

1. **Image**: You should wear your best pup gear as if you were representing SMP at an event.

    a. Image is 50 of 550 points of your score

b. This should be your most “formal” look

2. **Speech**: You will be given 90 Seconds for your speech.

   a. The Time Keeper will not stop you after the 90 Seconds limit so if you go over there is a 20 point deduction from your total Speech Score.

      i. Your speech should be as close to 90 Seconds as possible.

      ii. Keep your speech short and to the point speak about what you are passionate about, but you want to ensure that the judges and audience knows what you are talking about.

   b. Speech is 150 of 550 points of your score

VII. Fraternization with the Judges:

A. SouthernMost Puppy Contestants are encouraged to get to know the judges and interact with them.

However, contestants shall be prohibited from having private meetings or engaging in any Sexual Activity or Play Scene with the judges prior to the announcement of the contest results.

VIII. Contest Judging Method:

A. A panel of five (5) Judges representing leaders in the community scores SouthernMost Puppy Contestants.

B. Judging is made up of five (5) categories and using the Olympic Scoring System where the High and Low score is dropped from each category. The remaining scores are totaled for each contestant.

The contestant whose overall score is the highest will be declared the winner, then 1st runner up.

Total Scores must be above 1155 in order for a winner to be announced even if there is only one contestant.

In the event of a tie under the Total Scoring System, the dropped high and low scores will be added back into the contestant scores in each category.

   c. In the event of a tie after lowest and highest score are reintroduced, the Board of Directors of NOLA PAH, excluding any Board Member competing in SMP, will make the final decision.

In the event of any dispute regarding the tallying of the contest, the New Orleans Louisiana Pups and Handlers Association, Inc shall make the final determination of the winner and 1st runner up.

VIIII. Expectations of the Winner:

A. As the Winner of the SouthernMost Puppy Title, their primary responsibility is:

Promoting SouthernMost Puppy Contest.

Promoting the Human Pup & Handler Community.

Representing the Name, Ideals, and Values of NOLA PAH.

B. The winner shall represent SMP at the International Puppy and Handler Weekend the year following their SMP Competition.

C. The Winner must do at least four (4) SMP fundraisers during their title year

All required fundraisers must be completed before February 1, 2019.

One of the fundraisers will be guided by the bylaws that govern the fundraisers of NOLA PAH membership requirements for Alpha and Beta Members (Must be donated to NOLA PAH, or a charity within 30 Miles of New Orleans).

d. In the event that the winner is also a member of NOLA PAH, the two (2) SMP fundraisers will in additional to any fundraising activity required by the membership requirements of the NOLA PAH Bylaws.

Two (2) of the fundraisers will be for the winners travel fund

One (1) fundraiser is to a charity of the winners choice

D. The Winner will maintain contact with NOLA PAH Board letting the Board know of thier travel schedule so that NOLA PAH can ensure the Titleholder has NOLA PAH and SMP literature and/or Giveaway items that may be available. It also allows NOLA PAH to help advertise events that our Titleholder will be at.

The Winner is requested to judge the following years contest along with his/her Step-Down Speech.

E. The winner will Participate in New Orleans Pride, and Southern Decadence event hosted by NOLA PAH.

X. Prize Packages:

Winner

A. The prize package contains

e. Title Holders patch,

f. Title Holders Sash/Stole

g. Winners medallion,

h. $500 (USD) reimbursement toward expenses for travel to host city and hotel room for IPC during Title year (2019).

i. The titleholder is responsible for any incidentals, transportation once in the host city, damages to the hotel room, and any applicable taxes.

ii. Receipts for travel expenses should be submitted to the Treasurer, President, or Vice-President of NOLA PAH for reimbursement no later than 5 business days after the conclusion of International Puppy Contest 2019.

- Reimbursement for applicable expenses will be issued within 5 business days of receipt by one of the aforementioned Officers of NOLA PAH.

i. Titleholder photoshoot with deCuir Photography

First Runner Up

The 1st Runner-up will receive a Medallion and any Sponsor Donated Items.

Should the Winner of SMP be unable to complete their title year and/or duties, the Title, all prizes, and all uncompleted duties will fall to the First Runner Up.

j. The Board of Directors of NOLA PAH, at its own discretion, may waive some or all requirements in consideration of time restraints.

Photographic & Image Release Waiver

I, the undersigned, hereby give NOLA PAH, their photographers, legal representatives, agents or assigns, the right and permission to copyright, use, reuse, broadcast and/or publish any and all Photographic Pictures (including digital images) (pictures) of me, which shall be taken during SMP, or as a result of my preparation for SMP, or as a result of my having Participated in SMP, Pictures, as herein, shall include Portraits or reproductions thereof, including audio and videotapes, made through any media. I further assign the right to use such pictures in conjunction with my name, and though any media outlets, for any purpose deemed appropriate by the Sponsor. I hereby waive any right to inspect or approve the finish Pictures or the method of their eventual use, including any related audio, video or printed copy that may be used in conjunction therewith. I hereby release, discharge, and agree to save harmless SMP and the Sponsors, their photographers, legal representatives, agents or assigns, including those publishing and/ or distributing the finished product, in whole or in part, from and against any liability or claim as a result of the use or publication of said pictures, including from any distortion, blurring, alteration, optical illusion or use in composite form, either intentionally or otherwise, that may occur or be produced in the taking, processing or reproduction of the pictures, their publication or distribution. I have read the foregoing Release and Waiver before signing below. I warrant my full understanding of its contents, and that I am of legal age to give my consent in this state.

The New Orleans Louisiana Pups and Handlers Association, Inc Indemnification
I hereby certify that I have attained at least twenty one (21) years of age and that I, based upon mutual covenants and considerations (including granting me the privilege of attending and participating in the SouthernMost Puppy Contest Weekend) will not hold the NOLA PAH nor the individual and collective owners, officers, agents and employees thereof liable for any injury to my person or property during the period of the SouthernMost Puppy Contest Weekend and I further agree to indemnify and save harmless the sponsors, the individual and collective owners, officers, agents and employees thereof from any and all liability, injury or economic loss or other damage. Compliance By signing below I agree to comply with all rules and regulations set forth by NOLA PAH and SouthernMost Puppy Contest. I certify that all information provided on the accompanying forms are accurate. I certify that I meet all qualifications specified in the Qualification Statement. I understand that if I win the contest I will be expected to fulfill the duties of the title as outlined.

Signed_____ Date_____

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