

## Damascus s Dogs' holiday costume contest!

- ❖ **What:** The 'Damascus Loves Dogs' Holiday Costume Contest, participating in the Trail Town Christmas Parade
- ❖ **When:** Friday, December 1st
- ❖ **Time:** Parade starts at 7pm, Participants line-up between 6:30 and 6:45 in front of The Bike Station (Laurel Ave & Railroad Ave intersection)

### Judging criteria

The contest will have three judges, who will choose winners based on the Best Overall Costume, which includes showmanship, humor, originality, design & color, tasteful and creative presentation. The winners will be announced at the Damascus Trail Center within 30 minutes after the parade.

- ❖ We will have people taking random photos of the dogs attending the event, so check our website/Facebook/Instagram pages after the event to see if your dog's photo is posted!

### Contest Rules

To enter your dog in the contest, you must turn in a form complete with the dog's name/breed/size/color, and a costume description; as well as the owner's contact information. Please email forms to [clerk@damascus.org](mailto:clerk@damascus.org), fax to 276-475-3241, or drop off at the Town Hall (there is a red drop box by the front door for weekends and after hours). Make sure the info is clearly written for the judges (and for announcements and winners' publicity).

***Participation forms must be turned in by noon on November 30<sup>th</sup>!***

- Dogs must be: non-aggressive/ both pet and people friendly, comfortable in noisy and crowded environments, leashed always, and overall well behaved.
- Each dog must have an adult walker.
- All participants need to gather at the parade line-up in front of The Bike Station at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the parade.
- The judges' decisions are final.

Participant's Name	
Info (breed, color, size)	
Costume Description	
Pet Owner/Contact Name	
Mailing Address	
Phone #	
Email Address	

*I (participant), by signing the participation form, agree to protect and hold harmless the Town of Damascus (organizer) and to indemnify the organizer from any and all claims, demands, suits, actions, judgments, and recoveries for or on account of damage, theft, or injury (including death) to property or person occurring as a result of participation and any other cause whatsoever.*

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*Participant Signature*