

# Northwest Puppy and Handler 2018

## Application & Contestant Guide



### **Contestant Rules:**

Each Northwest Puppy & Handler (NW-PAH) Contestant:

1. Can be any gender and at least twenty one years of age by **Friday, September 15th, 2017**.
2. Must agree to appear onstage wearing appropriate gear and participate in all judged categories while conforming to local regulations pertaining to nudity and obscenity. For the purpose of this contest, genital areas must be covered at all times and a minimum one inch strip of material must cover the anus at all times. On female contestants, nipples must also be covered.
3. Must agree to represent the Northwest Puppy or Handler title, if they win, throughout their title year and refrain from competing in any other leather/puppy/rubber/fetish contest until the conclusion of their Northwest Puppy or Handler Title year unless approved by NWPAH producers.
4. Must agree to permit onstage photographs to be taken of them for use in Northwest Puppy & Handler related publications and promotional activities.
5. All Puppy and Handler contestants will compete independently, regardless of relationships with other contestants.

Contestants should arrive at the contestant meeting no later than 6:00pm on Friday September 15th, 2017 and should appear on time, in person at all scheduled events during NW-PAH weekend through September 17th, 2017 at 1pm. Contestants may be disqualified from the contest at the discretion of the Producers of NW-PAH if they are unable to make all scheduled events or if they are tardy frequently throughout the weekend.

Contestants are strongly encouraged to allow for enough time to decompress on either side of the contest and compensate for any possible travel delays/conflicts.

### **Contestant Deadlines:**

**REQUIRED - Deadline for contestants for NW-PAH is 11:59pm of Saturday, September 9th, 2017.**

Contestants should send their completed digital application along with attached photo to **figaropup@me.com** prior to **September 9th, 2017 at 11:59pm**. You can sign your release at the Contestant Meeting if your application is submitted by email.

Puppy Contestants will be required to submit their Pup Scene, in writing to the Producers of NW-PAH during the Contestant Meeting. This does NOT need to be submitted with the application.

## Expectations of the winners

1. The Winners of the titles Northwest Puppy & Northwest Handler 2016 are requested to attend and give a step down speech at the NW-PAH contest the following year and judge the year after that.
2. As the Winners of these titles, their primary responsibility is to:
  - A. Promote the Northwest Puppy & Handler Contest.
  - B. Promote the human puppy scene.
3. The Northwest Puppy and Handler are strongly encouraged to compete in an International Puppy/Handler/Trainer Contest once their title year is complete or the majority of the year has been completed.
4. The winners are required to put on at least one Fundraiser that will benefit Northwest Puppy & Handler Contest. It is also encouraged that they put on additional Fundraisers benefiting NW-PAH or a Non-profit of their choice.
5. The NW-PAH are strongly encouraged to attend at least one puppy event for SEA-PAH, VAN-PAH, PDX-PAH, BOI-PAH, and AK-PAH during their title year. If additional NW Groups (AB, AK, BC, ID, OR, WA) are formed during the NW-PAH Title year, they should attend an event of theirs as well. It's expected that the Northwest Puppy & Handler Title Holder attend quarterly Puppy events for their local puppy group.
6. The winners are encouraged to appear at other leather, puppy, rubber/latex and fetish events during their title year. They should use their best judgment as to which events will benefit them and their title the most.
7. Northwest Puppy & Northwest Handler should maintain regular and frequent contact with the Northwest Puppy & Handler board to assist in planning and promotion and to provide regular updates on the website and social media.

## Prize Package

The prize package for winners is different each year and depends on donations from vendors and supporters of the Northwest Puppy & Handler Contest. The prize money is to be used for a Travel Fund for the International Puppy/Handler/Trainer Contest of their choosing or approved regional travel during their title year.

## Preliminary Contest Schedule

### **Deadline for submitting NW-PAH Application - 11:59pm September 9th, 2017**

Contestants should send their completed application along with attached photo to **figaropup@me.com** prior to Sept 9th, 2017 at 11:59pm. The release can be signed at the Contestant Meeting.

### **Friday September 15, 2017**

#### **6:30pm Contestant Meeting (TBA)**

Contestants meet with the contest producers to review weekend schedule, contest rules, and expectations.

\*Final Contestant Schedules will be provided at this time, and are subject to change.

#### **7:00pm Meet & Sniff (The Pumpjack)**

Contestants must attend or will be disqualified. Judges and Contestants are introduced to the audience and the contestants select their contestant numbers. Contestants will also be participating in the Pup Training (9:00pm) and Fundraising portions of the Contest.

### **Saturday September 16, 2017**

#### **11:00am Contestant Interviews (TBA)**

All contestants will be required to assemble at (TBA) and remain in a holding area until after their interview. They will be escorted individually to their interview.

#### **7:30pm Northwest Puppy & Handler 2018 (The Pumpjack)**

Contestants will be judged in the onstage "Image", "Pup Scene", "Speech", and "On Stage Question".

### **Sunday September 17, 2017**

#### **11:00am Victory Brunch (TBA)**

Contestants will be required to be at the brunch for socializing and final thanks.

### **Venue Addresses:**

**The PumpJack - 1167 Davie St, Vancouver, BC V6E 1N2**

## **Interpreters**

If you do not verbally speak or understand English, you must bring an interpreter with you and they must attend all official events and rehearsals along with you. NW-PAH does not have the ability to provide interpreters for all contestants in need.

If you cannot bring an interpreter, please contact Pup Figaro at [figaropup@me.com](mailto:figaropup@me.com) prior to September 1, 2017 for possible assistance.

Your interpreter will be given a badge that authorizes them to be with you at all times. Bring your interpreter with you to the weekend registration to receive their Interpreter badge.

## **Backstage Assistant**

Contestants are permitted one backstage assistant to assist in wardrobe changes for both portions of the contest. Contestants with interpreters are allowed one additional backstage assistant, only if their interpreter is not assisting with wardrobe changes. Backstage assistants are required to be present for pre-contest rehearsal and walk through. Backstage space is limited.

Contestants must notify one of the producers of their backstage assistant at the Friday evening contestant meeting. The producers will arrange a badge for the backstage assistant.

## **Fraternization with the Judges**

Northwest Puppy & Handler contestants are encouraged to get to know the judges and interact with them. However, contestants shall be prohibited from having private meetings or engage in any sexual activity or scene play with the judges prior to the announcement of the contest results.

To avoid accidental violation of this policy, and possible removal from the contest, all contestants and judges should display their identification badges at all times.

## **Weekend Participation**

Contestants are strongly encouraged to participate in the weekend events. Northwest Puppy & Handler is all about having a good time and promoting the Puppy & Handler scene. Contestants are judged throughout the weekend and bonus points may reflect in their final score.

A panel of five (5) judges representing leaders in the community scores Northwest Puppy and Northwest Handler contestants. Judging is based on seven (7) categories using a combined Olympic scoring system in the categories and points outlined below. The contest also involves bonus points which are added to the judges scores.

**Fundraise (All) - (maximum 300 points)**

Each contestant will be required to sell raffle tickets on Friday, September 11th 2015 during the "Meet & Sniff". The full 300 points will be awarded to the Puppy and Handler that earns the most money. 200 points will be awarded to the Puppy and Handler contestant that earns the second most money and 100 points will be given to the Puppy and Handler contestant that earns the third most.

**Pup Training (Handler) – (maximum 450 points, up to 150 points per judge, Olympic scoring)**

Each Handler contestant will draw a trick at random they have to train to a puppy or group of puppies depending on Pup to Handler ratio using all non-verbal commands. Pairing of the Handler to Puppy(ies) will be done at random. The Handler will have 10 minutes to train the trick non-verbally while the Judges spectate before they have to present it to the Judges and Audience. This category is intended to show dynamics of how well the Handler and Puppy(ies) are able to work as a team.

**Interview (All) - (maximum 600 points, up to 200 points per judge, Olympic scoring)**

Each contestant will meet with the judging panel offstage and in private, prior to the second portion of the contest to answer questions about the contestant's interest in puppy play, fetishes, knowledge, willingness and ability to represent the title. Interviews will last no longer than 15 minutes each, therefore it is important to listen to the question being asked by the judges and respond in a concise and complete manner so that all judges have a chance to ask questions of the contestant. If the judges would like to know more, they will ask for additional information. Contestants should shake the judges hands upon entering and leaving the Interview.

**On Stage Speech (All)- (maximum 600 points, up to 200 points per judge, Olympic scoring)**

Each contestant will deliver a two (2) minute speech on a topic they are passionate about and feel is appropriate to the contest and the puppy/Handler community. One (1) point will be deducted per second over time rounded to the nearest five (5).

**Image (All) - (maximum 300 points, up to 100 points per judge, Olympic scoring)**

Each contestant will appear onstage and be introduced to the audience by the emcee using information provided on the completed contestant application. Judging in this category is based on how you present yourself as a "Human Puppy" or "Handler".

**Pup Scene (Puppy) - (maximum 450 points, up to 150 points per judge, Olympic scoring)**

Each Puppy contestant will appear onstage while performing a puppy play scene that they have written. The scene can be read by the emcee, if requested by the contestant. Judging in this category is based on the contestant's creativity and ability to convey their most playful puppy play scene. Contestants may involve their puppies/handlers/owners, additional pups, or they can request a volunteer staff member to help. Props may be used, but must be approved by the contest producers for safety and compliance with the law. The Pup Scene cannot exceed five (5) minutes in length. (NOTE: The fantasy is to be typed, using a maximum 150 words and turned in at the Contestant Meeting on Friday evening.)

**Onstage Question (All) - (maximum 300 points, up to 100 points per judge, Olympic scoring)**

Each contestant will answer a question onstage, asked by one of the judges. Judging in this category is based on how well you can command the audience's attention, creativity and overall playfulness of your response to the question.

**Audience Vote (All) - (Maximum of 25 points)**

A maximum of 25 points will be awarded to the puppy and Handler with the most audience votes. Each contestant placing behind the most will be awarded 5 points less commensurate with their audience ranking.

In the event of any dispute regarding the tallying of the contest, Northwest Puppy & Handler shall make the final determination of the winners.

**CONTESTANT SUGGESTIONS**

The Northwest Puppy & Handler Contest is all about having a good time, socializing with fellow fetish community members and promoting the puppy lifestyle.

Contestants are encouraged to participate in weekend activities to be seen as an active member of the fetish community. We try our best to allow contestants enough free time to participate and be seen during the weekend while fulfilling the requirements to produce a contest.

The Northwest Puppy & Handler Contest, weekend was created to have a great time. We encourage the contestants to have fun and entertain the audience to set this contest apart from many others. We encourage you to work the audience and judges so that you will stand out on stage.

Make sure that you come prepared with back up outfits and gear in case accidents or blow-outs happen. Bring your own lube and squeaky toys and remember to clean up after yourself.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Pup Figaro at [figaropup@me.com](mailto:figaropup@me.com).

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## Contestant Registration and Application

Deadline for Contestant Registration: September 15, 2017 6:00pm PST.

1. Please print or type clearly on this application. Complete and sign this form and photographic release.
2. Provide a photocopy of your driver's license or passport showing your age.
3. Please provide a photo of yourself

<b>Human Name:</b>		<b>Contestant Title:</b>	
<b>Puppy/Handler Name or Alias:</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Puppy</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Handler</b>
<b>Address:</b>			
<b>City:</b>	<b>State:</b>	<b>Zip/Postal Code:</b>	<b>Country:</b>
<b>Phone #:</b>		<b>Email:</b>	
<b>Age:</b>	<b>DOB:</b>	<b>Height:</b>	
<b>Puppy Breed (if chosen or applicable):</b>			
<b>Hair Colour:</b>		<b>Eye Colour:</b>	
<b>Have you ever been arrested, indicted, or convicted or a felony or any criminal activity? (if YES, please explain)</b>		<b>Have you ever appeared in any Pronographic photos, films, or videos? (if YES, please explain)</b>	
<b>Body Modifications: (Piercings, tattoos, brandings etc.)</b>			



List any clubs, titles, or organizations that you are a member of or that you are representing:

How long have you been into being a puppy or Handler?

Please tell us how you became involved in the Puppy Play lifestyle:

Please tell us what you believe to be the distinguishing characteristics of Human Puppies or Handlers:

Please tell us about your favorite piece of gear:

Please list your other fetish/BDSM interests:

**Please tell us why you would like to be Northwest Puppy or Handler 2016:**  
*(please feel free to use an additional sheet of paper if necessary)*

**DO NOT WRITE ON THIS SHEET BELOW THIS LINE**  
**(For Staff and Judges Only)**

**PUPPY FANTASY SCENE:**

(The fantasy is to be typed, a maximum of 150 words, and turned in by the Contestant meeting on Friday September 11th, 2015 at 6pm. You can submit this with your application, via email (by September, 10th 2015 at 11:59pm), or in person at the Contestant Meeting. Any requested props should be presented for approval no latter than the application deadline of September 11, 2015 at 6:00pm).

**Photographic and Image Release and Waiver**

I, the undersigned, hereby give Northwest Puppy & Handler (“NW-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 NW-PAH, or as a result of my preparation for NW-PAH, or as a result of my having participated in NW-PAH. Pictures, as used 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 through any media outlets, for any purpose deemed appropriate by the Sponsor. I hereby waive any right to inspect or approve the finished 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 NW-PAH and the Sponsor, 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.

**Northwest Puppy & Handler 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 Northwest Puppy & Handler Contest) will not hold the Board 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 Northwest Puppy Contest and I further agree to indemnify and save harmless the Sponsor(s), 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 by NW-PAH.

I certify that all information provided on the accompanying forms is accurate.

I certify that I meet all the 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: \_\_\_\_\_