

## **Pooches on Parade 2015 Guidelines**

Dog owners, please plan to arrive at the festival no later than 10:30 a.m. with your pet. The dogs will be shown one at a time by their handlers, beginning with smallest breeds, then medium then large. Judges will vote on several categories. The winners will be announced by the emcee and receive a prize. An overall contest winner will be announced. Dogs will be dismissed and the contest will conclude.

**\*\*Please remember to clean up after your dog\*\***

All dog owners must register their pets into the Pooches on Parade contest either in advance or on the day of the event until show time on Oct. 3. Registration will be set up during the festival at the intersection of Oak Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue in downtown Laurel. By registering for this event, the dog owner agrees to the following terms and conditions:

1. All dogs must be on a leash and accompanied by a handler.
2. The City of Laurel is not responsible for any injury to animals or dog owners as a result of participating in this event. Please be aware of your safety and your dog's safety at all times.
3. The City of Laurel is not responsible for any injury caused by your dog while participating in the Pooches on Parade contest. Please do not participate if your dog is prone to biting or other violent behavior.
4. The awards that are given are purely based on the judge's individual criteria. Results are final.
5. The dog owner commits his/her animal and handler to the duration of the contest.
6. Owners may enter more than one dog.

Please contact Debbie Brewer at 601-498-4774 if you have any questions.