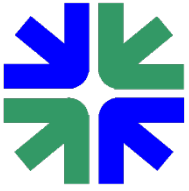




**WANTED: THE ROTTENEST DOGS IN THE ROTTEN CITY!**

ROTTENEST DOG IN THE ROTTEN CITY  
APPLICATION PACKAGE  
2019



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To: Rottenest Dog Contest Contestants & Their Humans  
From: Sheri Hartz, Contest Coordinator  
Re: 2019 Rottenest Dog in the Rotten City – Saturday, August 24, 2019

This summer, the City of Emeryville is hosting the inaugural Rotten City Block Party on Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>! We are celebrating Emeryville's rebellious past, innovative present and limitless future, played out in a family friendly day of fun, music, dancing, community appreciation and general merriment.

Of course, one of our premiere events will be the "Rottenest Dog in the Rotten City Contest." We are looking forward to a mischievous menagerie of mangy mutts, all of whom are deserving of the title. Here are some important points about the contest:

- All dogs will be entered into one large group, not separated by breed or other designation.
- We will have prize baskets for the top Rottenest dogs as judged by our panel in classes such as: Strangest Bark, Most in Need of Doggy-dontia, Baddest Attitude, Most Asymmetrical Ears, Stinkiest Breath, Extreme Non-conforming Body Shape, Oddest Tail and Generally Incurable.
- We will have a special "Spirit Award" which will be based in part on your dog's biography, if submitted with your entry.
- We will have the "Rottenest in Show" award, as selected by Mayor Medina.
- Entries are free and each dog will receive a special gift just for being a contestant!
- The closing date for entries is Monday, August 12th for **all** entries. This means that your paperwork needs to be **received by the City** by that date.
- We will take walk-up "on the spot" entries on the day of the contest if possible, but there is no guarantee of entry, you will not be considered for the Spirit Award and there may not be any gifts available for late entrants. Advance registration is encouraged to avoid disappointment.

Included in this packet is a Rules and Regulations Sheet, as well as an Entry Form. Please fill out the Entry Form and return it to 1333 Park Avenue in Emeryville, 94608, along with a digital image of your dog, proof of rabies vaccination and the dog's biography. If you prefer, you can send your entry paperwork via email to: [shartz@emeryville.org](mailto:shartz@emeryville.org). Regardless of entry method, please send a high-quality digital (.jpg) photo of your dog to include in our event marketing.

We will be sending updates to all participants with details of the contest as we get closer to the event date.

I look forward to receiving your entry! If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 510-596-4372 or at [shartz@emeryville.org](mailto:shartz@emeryville.org).



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## Rottenest Dog in the Rotten City 2019 Contest RULES AND JUDGING INFORMATION

### HOW TO ENTER

1. Complete and sign the attached Entry Form

Mail (or scan and email) to Sheri Hartz, [shartz@emeryville.org](mailto:shartz@emeryville.org), the following:

- Entry Form     Biography     High Quality Digital Picture of Dog     Proof of Vaccinations

### ENTRY FORM DUE DATES

Entry Forms due by Monday, August 12, 2019, by 5:00 p.m. (postmarks NOT accepted)

Judging date: Saturday, August 24, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. Main stage, Rotten City Block Party, Park Avenue, Emeryville

### PRIZES

First Place: Luxury Basket of Pet Essentials

Second Place: Generous Basket of Pet Essentials

Third Place: Thoughtful Basket of Pet Essentials

Special Awards: "Spirit Award" (determined by dog's biography and selected by judging panel): The Rotten City Spirit Award will honor a dog and owner who have overcome obstacles and/or are providing service to the community based on the dog's biography. Examples of this are: raising awareness for dog rescue and adoption, visiting nursing homes or hospitals, participating in reading time at the library, etc.

"Rottenest in Show" (determined by Mayor Medina): The winner will be announced on stage at the contest.

### RULES

1. No animal that shows evidence of any active, communicable disease shall be admitted or allowed to remain at the event.
2. Any inhumane or other inappropriate action to animals by the contestant will result in disqualification and removal of contestant and dog from the event.
3. Animal must not have been intentionally altered to enhance appearance for the purpose of this contest.
4. Animal health decisions will be made in the best interest of the animal and other animals at the event.
5. Dogs must be leashed and under the control of their human at all times. Aggressive or uncontrollable dogs may be removed from the competition and the event if necessary.
6. All contestants/owners/handlers must show proof of current vaccinations for their dog when entry form is submitted.
7. The Judges' decisions are FINAL.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Arrival Time: Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, by 12:30 p.m.

Report to the Main Stage

### Rottenest Dog in the Rotten City Contest

#### Rotten City Block Party

Park Avenue between Hollis and Watts

Emeryville, CA 94806

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## Rottenest Dog in the Rotten City Contest

### 2019 ENTRY FORM

The Rotten City Block Party is proud to announce the 2019 Rottenest Dog in the Rotten City Contest to be held on Saturday, August 24, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. on the Main Stage. Please join us in our search for the Rottenest Dog of 2019!

HUMANS'S NAME *(must be individual's name)*: \_\_\_\_\_

DOG'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ BREED-ish: \_\_\_\_\_ COLOR: \_\_\_\_\_

DOG'S AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ DOG'S SIZE:  Small  Medium  Large

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**CLASS: ROTTENEST DOG IN THE ROTTEN CITY (All dogs are entered in one group and will be awarded in various classes, to be determined by judges)**

- Application must include dog's proof of vaccination (up-to-date rabies mandatory)
- Application must include dog's photo (high quality, digital, .jpg format)
- Application must include biography if you wish to be considered for the Spirit Award, which is based on the dog's community service efforts. Please describe how your dog helps others in the community, include why you and your dog selected this way of giving back to the community and the number of years you have been providing this service.
  - Please include the following in your dog's BRIEF biography: Name, Age, Hometown & State, how you acquired your dog, and a few personality traits.
- Applications must be received in our office by August 12th at 5 p.m. (Postmarks NOT accepted/no exceptions).



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## ENTRY FORM RELEASE AND WAIVER

In consideration of my dog's acceptance by the Rotten City Block Party as a contestant in the Rottenest Dog in the Rotten City Contest, it is agreed and understood that neither the City of Emeryville, nor its officers, agents, volunteers, or employees shall be held legally liable or responsible for any loss, injury, or damage which may occur or arise either to myself, my family members, or my dog by reason of the negligence, misconduct, or conduct of any person or entity whosoever, or whatsoever. I promise to abide by the rules and regulations pertaining to the Contest. I consent to the City of Emeryville taking photographs and video of my dog as part of my participation in the Contest. I hereby release all rights, title and interest in any photographs or video that may be taken by the City and/or its designees.

**The below signed states herewith, that I fully understand the rules of the Rottenest Dog in the Rotten City Contest and agree to be governed by them.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Owner* *Date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Printed Name*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*If under 18, Signature of Parent or Guardian*

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