



31st ANNUAL KREWE OF BARKUS MYSTICAL PARADE
Saturday, February 14th 2026
OFFICIAL RULES AND ENTRY FORM

1. All animal entrants in the Mystical Krewe of Barkus parade must be on a leash and under the control of a human companion.
2. All animal entrants in the Mystical Krewe of Barkus parade must have **proof of current rabies vaccination** in accordance with State and Parish law **NO EXCEPTIONS**. Current tags or medical records will be accepted as proof of vaccination.
3. Entry fee for the parade is **\$10 per dog if you pre-register and \$20 per dog day of the event**. It includes commemorative t shirt (while supplies last) and entry into costume contest. **ALL ENTRY FORMS AND FEES MUST BE PAID AT THE KYKZ 96 STUDIO: 425 Broad Street.**
4. *All waste deposited by an animal must be immediately picked up and disposed of by the human companion.*
5. All owners must provide their own water for their dogs. *As a courtesy additional water and treats will be available at the Dog Stop of Lake Charles area.*
6. The Parade will begin PROMPTLY at 1 p.m. at the corner of Broad and Ryan Streets and ends at Cumulus Media, 425 Broad Street. Check in to pick up your entry number will be from 11:00 AM until 12:45 PM at Cumulus Media. Lineup for the parade will be at Broad and Ryan. Line up no later than 12:50 PM.
7. Dogs in "season" or "heat" are not allowed to participate in the parade.
8. All Human companions must wear the number issued to them at parade line up at all times during the parade and costume contest.
9. All dogs must be maintained **UNDER CONTROL** at all times. Dogs that are being excessively aggressive will be ejected from the parade.
10. At the end of the parade, a costume contest for the dogs will be held. Costumes are judged by a panel of judges on overall appearance and creativity. Trophies will be awarded for the first, second, and third places and the title of "Mystical Dog" will be awarded to the first-place winner. Costumes are not mandatory, but are encouraged. *Failure to pick up dog waste will result in disqualification.*
11. No motorized vehicles.
12. No signs or banners containing any commercial or promotional message will be allowed in the parade without prior approval of parade officials.
13. All entrants in the Mystical Krewe of Barkus Parade assume all risk and responsibility for any damages or injury incurred themselves or their animal, and will hold harmless KYKZ 96, Mardi Gras of Southwest Louisiana, and all participating sponsors. All entrants will also be responsible for any damages caused by themselves or their animal.
14. For pre-registration discount: entry forms and fees **IN CASH** must be completed at KYKZ 96's studios no later than 5 p.m. on 2/13/26.

Name: _____ Dog's Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Breed of Dog _____

By Signing I understand that I assume all responsibility for any damage or injury to myself, my property or my animal while participating in the Krewe of Barkus Parade, and hold harmless KYKZ 96, Cumulus Broadcasting, Mardi Gras of Southwest Louisiana, and any and all parade sponsors, officials or employees. I also understand that I am responsible for any damage or injury caused by my action or those of my animal.

Signature _____ Date _____
