

Introducing the NEW and IMPROVED IWC Raffle!!!

WHO IT BENEFITS: As anyone who has attended one of the recent IWC specialties knows, our raffle is one of the highlights of the show! Is it fun and can you win great stuff, yes! More importantly though, it raises money for our Health Fund, which allows the club to offer support for health and rescue-related club expenses. This benefits all of us, and well as these fabulous dogs that we love!

DONATING: As usual, we hope that everyone who participates in any IWC shows will donate something to a raffle each calendar year. A donation can be a single or multiple items, one or multiple complete baskets, or just cash! Items can be purchased new, be new but regifted, be hand made, and sometimes even be second hand (*see more about this and more in the “Raffle Tips and Tricks” section below!*) Every donation is appreciated! You may fill out a Raffle Donation form at any time, but we request that you **please fill out the form and complete your donation within a week of registering for a show!** Due to the size of our shows and the time it takes to organize the donations and prepare the beautiful baskets, we would like to be able to have this work completed BEFORE show day.

MEET THE RAFFLE COORDINATORS (RCs): The RCs will work together to ensure that an adequate number of raffle baskets will be ready for each show. RCs may reach out to solicit donations from those who have not yet filled out a donation form. They may also make contact to confirm donations in the final days and weeks before a show. They will happily advise and answer any raffle-related questions, so feel free to contact them!

Lead Raffle Coordinators for 2024 Shows

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Perhaps the **BEST** new feature of the raffle is that **ALL DONORS** to the day's raffle will be automatically entered into the special “Donor Only Raffle” to win the DOR Prize (created by the fabulous Raffle Coordinators!) The winner will be drawn just prior to the drawing of the regular raffle. The very best news? Winning this prize does not preclude you from winning a regular raffle item!

There are three ways to donate, so you get to pick the one that works best for you!

1. **For creative people who enjoy a fun project...** donate a completed raffle basket to a show in your area. Deliver your neatly wrapped donation to the raffle table by 9am on Saturday morning of the show.
2. **For creative people who wish to contribute specific things but can't commit to making a complete basket...** you can ship your own handmade items or new items you wish to regift, or simply order things from vendors online and have them shipped directly to the raffle coordinator in charge of the show in your area. ***Important note: Shipped items need to arrive at least a week before the show.***
3. **For people who don't like to shop, or don't have time or space in their house, brain or car to even try to figure this out...** make it super simple and buy directly from the Amazon Gift List for the show raffle to which you wish to donate, or donate cash to the club and the PCs will purchase items for you! ***Important note: Shipped items need to arrive at least a week before the show. Monetary donations are due two weeks prior to the show.***

Raffle hints and tips from the pros!!!:

****Basket values can range widely, but in general, a \$25 minimum value is requested.*

****Consider teaming up with a friend to create a basket together! It's much more fun to get creative when you do it with a friend. ;-)*

****Remember, you need not purchase all items. Regifting or rehoming any NEW dog-related (or other) items is very much allowed here!*

****Creative, personalized items made or offered by other participants are often considered priceless and create quite a buzz! Original paintings, jewelry, food goodies, photography packages, printing or website consulting...the sky, and your imagination, are the limit!*

****Most items should be new, but occasionally, appropriate used items that are in excellent condition may also be included in your basket - these should generally **not** include things like used beds, coats or collars, but a gently used treat dispenser, high end crate, or rarely used show lead could be hot items! Check with a raffle coordinator prior to the show if you are unsure about whether a specific item would be appropriate.*

****Any baskets or other containers holding multiple items should be wrapped in an attractive cover that will keep grouped items together while allowing them to be seen without unwrapping. Raffle coordinators can wrap your basket at the event if you let them know in advance that this will be necessary!*

For ease of traveling, if you wish to donate a completed basket, we recommend bringing it to the show that is closest to where you live.

****Come up with your own basket theme and items, or use one of those listed below and make it your own (even if we have similar themes, no two baskets will ever be the same!):*

IWC Raffle Basket Theme Examples

“A Day at the Beach”/“Beach Bums”/“Catch A Wave”

(displayed in a handled bag/basket or small cooler)

- frisbee
- floating ball
- dog towel
- travel water bowl/bottle
- personal, battery-operated fan
- a pup tent for shade

“It's a Dog's Life”

(displayed in the dog bed, with cardboard support underneath)

- super cushy dog bed
- special dog treats
- unique toy to satisfy a discerning dog friend, such as a Giggly Wiggly ball, heavy duty tug toy or flirt pole

“People Treats”

(displayed in an old tin or picnic basket)

- homemade granola, scones, cookies or bars
- local made fruit spread
- festive fabric napkins
- a bottle of sparkling cider from your local orchard

“Dog-gone It”

(displayed in a wash basin or bucket)

- a spray bottle of Nature’s Miracle
- Skunk Be Gone spray
- Wondercide flea and tick spray
- funny poop bags
- a roll of paper towels
- rubber gloves

“Dog-Day Afternoon”

(displayed in a basket with a sun cut out attached to the handle)

- dog sprinkler attachment or blow up dog pool
- cooling pad
- cooling bandana
- six pack of local beer

“Pick of the Litter”

(displayed in a basket with a cut out stork attached to the handle)

- 8 different colored puppy collars
- Embark breeders kit
- A cute prop for weekly puppy photos

“Tricks and Treats”

(displayed in a basket or box decorated with words such as SIT, DOWN, JUMP, STAY, OFF, FEET UP, COME, GO TO BED, LEAVE IT)

- several small bags of high value training treats
- a treat pouch
- a clicker complete with extendable target stick
- a second hand Treat and Train

“HOWL-o-ween”

(displayed in large pumpkin bucket)

- dog safe chocolates or cookies
- a Windsprite-sized dog costume
- a battery operated light up collar

“Windsprite Wonders Go-Bag”

(displayed in a small backpack)

- a long line
- a treat pouch with poop bag compartment
- Springer water bottle
- a foldable Chuck it
- An extendable flirt pole