

Terms and Conditions for the Amateur Pet Photography Competition 2024

We, Age Connects Cardiff & the Vale (ACCV) of Unit 10, Sbectrwm, Bwlch Road, Fairwater, Cardiff CF5 3EF are the organiser and promoter of the Age Connects/Burns Amateur Pet Photography Competition,

1. The winning submission of the first round of the competition will be the photograph which, in the opinion of the judges, combines the best technical excellence with the most amusing content and caption. The judges' decision will be final, and we will not enter into any correspondence concerning this decision or the way the competition is organised.
2. Any mainland UK resident can enter and by entering the competition, you confirm that you are eligible to do so and to claim the prize. We may require you to provide proof of such eligibility. There are no age restrictions, but we will need the written confirmation of a parent or guardian of any child under 18 that we can exercise the rights referred to in these T&Cs, and that the overall prize winner and accompanying person can take up the main prize.
3. The competition will open at on Monday 19th August 2024. Entries must be submitted by midnight on Sunday 30th August 2024. Judges will confer during the week commencing the 26th August 2024. The public vote on social media (ACCV Facebook and Instagram platforms) will run during the week of 2nd September 2024. No votes after closure on midnight 8th September will be counted. The winners will be notified and announced on Friday 11th September 2024.
4. To enter the competition, you must visit our website, by mobile device or computer, www.ageconnectscardiff.org.uk, follow the instructions detailed there and email your entry(ies) before the deadline detailed above. We cannot take responsibility for any technical problems. It is up to you to ensure your entries reach us on time, no excuses.
5. Your entry image must be in JPEG format, under 4MB per image. (If you reach the finals, we may also require high resolution of the photograph.)
6. During the public vote stage of the competition, the image with the most 'likes' as of the closing date will be deemed the winner. In the event of a draw – the judges will make the final decision of the winner.
7. You must have taken the picture yourself within the last 50 years. Although there are no restrictions on entering images which have been published before, images which have already won other competitions are not eligible. You must be the copyright owner, must have obtained all (if any) permissions needed to take the picture (including, for example, from the owner of the premises where it was taken, or from any person or the owner of anything else featured in it), and must be free to grant us and our sponsors the rights mentioned in paragraphs 13 and 14 below.
8. Animal welfare is a crucial part of this competition and very close to all our hearts. Each image entered will be assessed for ethics, welfare and health. This means that, if we get a sense that any animal has been disturbed, harassed, traumatised or humiliated, demeaned or shamed in any way, or forced into unnatural behaviour or situation or hurt or injured in the process of you getting your picture, you will be disqualified and banned from entering the competition. We do not allow any props, which are not normally used by that creature, in the photographs. This is not a wildlife photography competition so only pets recognised as domesticated in the country the images were taken will be considered.
9. No digital manipulation. You can of course, make basic digital improvements please do not alter the integrity of the image. We reserve the right to disqualify any entry which we consider to break any of these terms and conditions, or otherwise to be contrary to the spirit or intention of the competition.

10. The lucky overall winners of each of the two age groups will receive a wonderful prize. In addition to being named as winner of the 2021 Age Connects/Burns Amateur Pet Photography of a professional photoshoot with their pet and a Burns Goodie Bag. Runners up will receive a Burns Goodie Bag. Prize contributors have the right to stipulate their conditions of the prizes won as per their discretion.

11. If your image has been successfully passed into the final round, we will send an email on or before Sunday 1st September 2024 to the email address you provided in the online entry form to inform you of this. We will likewise send an email on or before 10th September 2024 to inform you if you have won a prize. We accept no responsibility if these emails do not reach your inbox on time or at all for any reason. However, we will attempt to contact you via telephone if you have supplied a correct number.

12. You agree that, if you are one of the prize winners, we may publish your name, image and town or county of residence when announcing the winners of the competition and for any other reasonable and related promotional purposes. You also agree to participate at our expense in any reasonable publicity we may require to promote the competition.
13. As mentioned above, you must be the copyright owner of the image(s) you enter. By entering the competition, you agree that we may (but do not have to) reproduce and publish the image(s) in any media (including, but not limited to websites, social media, magazine and newspaper articles, exhibitions, brochures and flyers) in connection with and to promote the competition. We will assert your moral right to be identified as the photographer and will credit you wherever possible but we cannot be held liable if, in error, credit is not given. If there are occasions when your images are requested for other purposes, not related to the competition, or for other merchandising not related to beforehand, then the photographer will be contacted directly and permission and license obtained.
14. By entering the competition, you agree that any personal information provided by you with the competition entry may be held and used by us, our partners, and suppliers as specified in these rules, and generally to administer the competition. We will not use it for anything else unless you have consented to our doing so by ticking the relevant box on the online entry form.
15. Insofar as is permitted by law we, our agents and distributors exclude all responsibility or liability in any circumstances to compensate the winner or any other person for any loss, damage, personal injury or death occurring as a result of taking up the prize, except where this is caused by the negligence of ourselves or of our agents or distributors. Your statutory rights are not affected.
16. All involvement with this competition must adhere to any restrictions in place at the time due to the coronavirus pandemic.
17. We reserve the right to suspend, cancel, or amend the competition for any reason.