



Celebrate Mudpuppy's 25th at Barktoberfest 2026!

This year the operators of Mudpuppy's Tub & Scrub and the Sit & Stay Cafe celebrate their 25th anniversary at Point Isabel! The beloved dog wash and snack bar play a big part in making the park unique—not just within East Bay Regional Park District but probably worldwide.

To mark the milestone, Mudpuppy's will co-host PIDO's Barktoberfest dog costume contest on Sunday, October 25. Participation in the contest is free this year and open to up to 120 entries. Mudpuppy's is donating the prizes for contest winners and Sit & Stay will serve free hot dogs to all in attendance while supplies last.

Mudpuppy's and PIDO go way back. In 2001, Mudpuppy's threw a Halloween dog costume parade and dog washing fundraiser that collected \$400 for PIDO. The next year PIDO began organizing "Barktoberfest" and has hosted it most years since.

We recommend that you pre-register for the costume contest at www.pido.org/events. Pre-registration online will be open from October 1 through October 23. Registration for remaining spots will begin at noon on October 25 near the cafe (1 Isabel Street, Richmond). If you are pre-registered, check in by 12:30 p.m. to get your contestant number and badge.

At 1:00 p.m. a short parade will start along the shoreline, followed by judging, prizes, and winners' photos from 1:15 to around 2:00 p.m.

Arrive at Point Isabel early. Parking may be challenging. Rain cancels. 🐾

Volunteers needed! See page 7.



Prize Categories

Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes in these 10 categories:

- Small dogs
- Medium dogs
- Big dogs
- Small packs (two or more small dogs)
- Medium packs (two or more medium dogs)
- Big packs (two or more big dogs)
- Mixed packs (two or more dogs of different sizes)
- Kids and their dogs
- Family pack (dogs and their humans)
- Grand prize (from any of the categories above)



"I'm ready for the Mudpuppy's Hallowe'en costume parade. I think I'm a prince or a king. I've long suspected it."

*Vintage photo and caption
from Winter 2001 PIDO Pointer.*



Former PIDO board member Chris Matthews leads the parade along the shoreline in 2016. Photo by Nancy J. Rubin