

The costume contest categories for this year's

Mardi Gras Dog Parade and Festival are:

Dr. No is a 1962 spy film directed by Terence Young. It is the first film in the James Bond series. Starring Sean Connery, Ursula Andress, Joseph Wiseman and Jack Lord. In the film, James Bond is sent to Jamaica to investigate the disappearance of a fellow British agent. The trail leads him to the underground base of Dr. Julius No, who is plotting to disrupt an early American space launch from Cape Canaveral with a radio beam weapon.

Honey Ryder is a fictional character in *Dr. No*. She is local shell diver, making a living by selling Jamaican seashells to dealers in Miami.

• **Costume idea**: Dress your dog in a bathing suit, goggles, and shells.

Goldfinger is a 1964 spy film and the third instalment in the *James Bond* series produced by Eon Productions, starring Sean Connery as the fictional MI6 agent James Bond. The film also stars Honor Blackman as Pussy Galore and Gert Fröbe as the title character Auric Goldfinger, along with Shirley Eaton as the ill-fated Jill Masterson.

The film's plot has Bond investigating gold smuggling by gold magnate Auric Goldfinger and eventually uncovering Goldfinger's plans to contaminate the United States Bullion Depository at Fort Knox.

• **Costume idea**: Spray paint rectangle boxes in gold spray paint. Place the gold bars in wagon with your dog dresses in a black tuxedo or evening grown. (Search Formal Wear for dogs.)

Diamonds Are Forever is a 1971 spy film, the seventh in the *James Bond* series produced by Eon Productions. It is the sixth and final Eon film to star Sean Connery, who returned to the role as the fictional MI6 agent James Bond, having declined to reprise the role in *On Her Majesty's Secret Service* (1969).

The story has Bond impersonating a diamond smuggler to infiltrate a smuggling ring and soon uncovering a plot by his old enemy Ernst Stavro Blofeld to use the diamonds to build a space-based laser weapon. Bond has to battle his enemy for one last time to stop the smuggling and stall Blofeld's plan of destroying Washington, D.C., and extorting the world with nuclear supremacy.

Tiffany Case is a fictional character in *Diamonds Are Forever* and its 1971 film adaptation. In the film it is stated that she was named after her accidental preterm birthplace, Tiffany & Co., where her parents were going through a choice of wedding bands, to which Bond dryly jokes that she was lucky that it had not happened at Van Cleef & Arpels.

• **Costume idea**: Spray paint a box "Tiffany" blue and paint a white ribbon on the box. Place this box around your dog stroller. Add diamond/glitter decorations around your dog.

Moonraker is a 1979 spy-fi film, the eleventh in the *James Bond* series produced by Eon Productions, and the fourth to star Roger Moore as the fictional MI6 agent James Bond. Bond investigates the theft of a Space Shuttle, leading him to Hugo Drax, the owner of the shuttle's manufacturing firm. Along with space scientist Dr. Holly Goodhead, Bond follows the trail from California to Venice, Rio de Janeiro, the Amazon rainforest, and finally into outer space to prevent a plot to wipe out the world population and to recreate humanity with a master race.

• **Costume ideas**: Search online for Space Dog Costume and Rocket Dog Costume. Decorate your wagon or stroller like a spaceship.

Casino Royale is a 2006 spy film, the twenty-first in the Eon Productions *James Bond* series. Stars Daniel Craig in his first appearance as Bond, alongside Eva Green, Mads Mikkelsen, Judi Dench, and Jeffrey Wright. In the film, Bond is on assignment to bankrupt terrorist financier Le Chiffre (Mikkelsen) in a high-stakes poker game at the Casino Royale in Montenegro.

• **Costume ideas**: Your costume can be as easy as a Poker Pattern Scarf to a dog stroller outfitted to play roulette using casino decorations.

RECURRING CHARACTERS

James Bond is a fictional character created by the British journalist and novelist Ian Fleming in 1952. The character first appeared in a series of twelve novels and two short story collections written by Fleming and a number of continuation novels and spin-off works after Fleming's death in 1964. Bond's literary portrayal differs in some ways from his treatment in the *James Bond* films, of which there have been twenty-seven in total, produced and released between 1962 and 2021.

Fleming portrayed Bond as a tall, athletic, handsome secret agent in his thirties or forties; he has several vices, including drinking, smoking, gambling, automobiles, and womanizing. He is an exceptional marksman, and he is skilled in unarmed combat, skiing, swimming and golf. While Bond kills without hesitation or regret, he usually kills only when carrying out orders, while acting in self-defense, or occasionally as revenge.

• **Costume idea**: Dress your dog in a tuxedo. Transform your dog's stroller into a sleek automobile.

Miss Moneypenny is secretary to M, who is Bond's superior officer and head of the British Secret Intelligence Service (MI6).

• **Costume idea**: Cover your dog's stroller with paper money and coins. Place a toy typewriter in front of your dog.

Q is a character in the James Bond films. Q is the head of Q Branch (later Q Division), the fictional research and development division of the British Secret Service charged with oversight of top secret field technologies. Q (standing for quartermaster), like M, is a job title rather than a name. The use of letters as pseudonyms for senior officers in the British Secret Service.

• **Costume idea**: Dress your dog in a suit with a tie and gray wig.