

COSTUME CATEGORIES FOR

Mardi Gras in La Habana

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Classic Car Canine

Cubans call them caharros: the gorgeous old American cars of the 40's and 50's that can be found throughout the country. There are classic Chevrolets, Fords, Lincolns Cadillacs, Packards, Oldsmobiles, Buicks, DeSotos, Pontiacs, Studebakers, Thunderbirds, Ramblers, and more, all from Detroit's golden age and all are still on the road.

Turn your dog stroller into a classic car. Paint a cardboard box to look like a car. Amazon has a toddler cardboard car you jazz up. Hang the Cuban flag from the "rear view Mirror". Put a license plate for "1955".

Bongo Doggo

The bongo is one of the national musical instruments that was born in Cuba. It is an Afro- Cuban percussion instrument consisting of a pair of open bottomed hand drums of different sizes.

Dress your dog up as a Salsa dancer with bongo drums hanging off it's back. Or dress your dog up as a bongo instrument musician. White t-shirt, black sunglasses hanging from his neck, beads around his neck, and bongo drums hanging on his back.

Mojito Mutt

The mojito is one of Cuba's oldest and most famous cocktails. Traditionally, it consists of white rum, lime juice, sugar, sparkling water and mint.

Use palm fronds to cover your dog stroller and have a make shift bar for your dog to sit behind.

Havana Hound

Havana Cuba is a colorful city and known for its brilliant architecture. History of pirate attacks began soon after the city was founded in 1519.

A pirate costume for dog and owner. Hats with colorful fruit were once fashionable in Havana. Bright colorful ruffles on everything.

Hairy Hemingway

In 1940 Hemingway moved to Cuba. He and his wife shared their home with dozens of cats. The Hemingway cat is named after him and typically has 6 toes. He was an animal lover and avid hunter. He is best remembered as an author.

Dress your pooch in a safari jacket with a cigar in the pocket. Recreate a scene from one of his famous books *The Old Man and the Sea*. Dress your dog as an old man (gray wig, and glasses}. Then make a boat out of cardboard to attach to the dog stroller.

Ricky Ricardo Rover

Desi Arnaz (aka Ricky Ricardo}, was one of Cuba's most famous exports and the husband of TV's lovable wife Lucille Ball. Desi was known for his acting/singing, and for wearing suits, straw hats and bowties.

Dress one as Ricky and the other as Lucy with a polka dot dress and red wig.

Black Bean Beast

Black beans are a cherished component of a Cuban meal and at the heart of Cuban cuisine. Cuban's love their black beans!

Dress your dog up in a Chef's costume and have black beans cans hanging around his neck. Label them Cuban Black Beans.

THESE ARE JUST SOME IDEAS TO STIMULATE YOUR OWN CREATIVITY.

DRESS YOUR DOG UP SAFELY

- Beware of choking hazards
- Comfort is key.
- Avoid toxic ingredients
- Keep photoshoots short
- Keep it simple
- Consider a test run
- Consider temperature
- Don't go overboard

COME TO THE PARADE AND HAVE A GREAT TIME!!