



Sister, all dolled up and ready to go, awaits the start of the pet costume contest held at the Roswell Convention and Civic Center, Friday morning. She took first place. (Mark Wilson Photo)

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Aliens, space dogs, a woman draped in bubble-wrap and absolutely everything in between, could be seen walking the stage of a packed auditorium during this year's Amazing Roswell UFO Festival Alien Costume Contest.

Contestants and attendees from near and far shared laughs and howled following their favorite costumes, as two separate Friday events focused around wacky get-ups.

"It's fun, you guys really do it up right," said Jennie Bean, a contestant who came to Roswell from Castle Rock, Colo. "It's really cool."

Nearly 40 entries filled the stage at the Pueblo Auditorium.

"This is so much fun," said Kim Stecklein, the show's host. "We're looking forward to a great time."

The top winners were Rose Thorsted, 9, and Sienna Fleming, 15. Allison Dawe, 16, was Best Overall Alien.

"I had a great time. This is the most fun I had all year, I think," said actor Wes Studi, from the movie Avatar and the contest's special guest judge. "I always wanted to come (to the festival)."

Earlier in the day, four-legged creatures from out of this world strutted their stuff outside the Roswell Convention and Civic Center during the pet costume show.

"I think there's some really good contestants," said Janelle Decker-Molony, the event's co-host. "It's going to be 'rough' to find the winner."

This year's winner was a small poodle, Sister, who bow-wowed the crowd with her wacky costume.

"I think it's awesome," said the dog's owner, Diane Ibarra, of Roswell. "I think it's wonderful (and) we had so much fun."

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