

Desfile De Los Ninos

The Fiesta Children's Pet Parade has been one of Santa Fe's favorites for at least 84 years. Proud parents, grandparents, neighbors and friends crowd the parade route and many Santa Feans will not miss this photo opportunity, even if they don't know a single rabbit in the parade. Be sure to take in this event for an example of Santa Fe's creativity and enthusiasm.

The kids and their pets assemble behind La Residencia at the corner of Palace Ave and Paseo de Peralta on September 6, 2008. (Registration (free) begins at 7:00 a.m.) The parade starts at 9:00 a.m. and attracts over 1300 participants and special groups such as local school bands and special characters.

As they pass the Queen and court and the judges on the reviewing stand, the entrants are judged for prizes in these categories:

- Best Historical
- Best Hysterical
- Most Original
- Best Musical Award
- Best child/pet look alike
- Best group
- Best message to other kids
- Best family entry
- Best Fiesta Theme
- Best Story Book Character
- 2 judge meritorious awards

The Parade starts going West on Palace, past the Plaza, to Grant, right on Grant to Marcy and continues up to Paseo de Peralta, turns right on Paseo de Peralta and continues back to the parking lot of La residencia where all entrants enjoy a traditional post-parade of Popsicles and soft drinks.

Prize Presentation

Prizes awarded immediately after the Parade from the Plaza Bandstand.

Parade Regulations

The Desfile de los Ninos is for the children. Any adults in the parade must be accompanying a child. Since this is a children's parade, no groups whether political, religious, or other special interest groups are permitted in the parade to support and/or advertise for their own causes.

For safety reasons, we **cannot** permit the following in the Pet Parade:

- No Horses
- No Ponies
- No Donkeys
- No Llamas
- Or other large animals
- No motorized(gas or electric) vehicles, except wheel chairs for physically challenged parade entrants.
- No advertising, political campaigning or religious-oriented advertising will be allowed in the parade.
- Beginning in the year 2000, Fiesta Council has declared an edict that **no candy may be thrown out but may be handed out** as this poses the danger of injury
- Throwing of any object by parade participants or spectators is not allowed.