Sparky Costume Care and Cleaning

CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Care Tip: Use a large sports bag or plastic container to transport the costume and keep it clean. A re-enforced carry case is available. It is much easier to keep the fur clean than to clean it.

General maintenance of your costume should include caring for the fur. After each use, clean and brush the fur and clothing so the oils and dirt do not become permanent. Keep the costume covered when not in use to keep dust and dirt off and to protect the fur and clothing.

- 1. Store in a well-ventilated area away from excessive temperatures. Car trunks and back seats are very hard on the costume.
- 2. The head should be brushed regularly, stored in its natural shape, and kept clean with a sponge and mild detergent. You can also use a damp soft cloth and a fabric cleaner such as 303 Fabric /Vinyl Cleaner. Spray disinfectant/deodorizer can be used on the inside of the head to eliminate odor. One brand is Febreze antimicrobial spray. Never store damp! Store in a plastic bag.
- 3. The boots can be damp sponge cleaned. Spray deodorizer can be sprayed inside to eliminate odor. If needed shoes can be touched up with latex paint and a sponge roller.
- 4. **Turn out Gear:** Use a soft damp cloth with a mild soap. You can also use the 303 Fabric cleaner and Resolve Stain Remover on this. Dry cleaning is a good option for the turn out gear. Machine wash in cold water with a mild soap such as Woolite. Drip dry, do not use a dryer.
- 5. Paws: The paws can be washed on gentle cycle and dried on low or drip dried. To fluff out again, use a soft brush or compressed air. Heavily stained will need to be replaced.
- 6. Remember that minor repairs with hot glue, contact adhesive, or needle and thread can keep small problems from becoming large ones. Replacement parts are available.
- 7. Remember also that a clean costume lasts longer.

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