

OH BOI!

Want the inside scoop on how to dress your pet like a star? The answers are all here...

Calling all dog lovers! With SHARPAY'S FABULOUS ADVENTURE about to be released on Blu-ray™ and DVD, we caught up with **Tom McKinley**: the man who dresses Sharpay and her pet pooch, Boi, in the fab new movie.

TOM MCKINLEY

Emmy-nominated Costume Designer, Tom McKinley has designed for both film and television. SHARPAY'S FABULOUS ADVENTURE marks his ninth collaboration with Disney Channel. A graduate of the University of Illinois, Tom lives & works in LA with the support of his dog Elliott.

HOW MUCH FUN DID YOU HAVE DRESSING SHARPAY'S PET POOCH, BOI, IN THE NEW MOVIE?

It was a lot of fun! There were two dogs playing Boi in the movie and their names were Herbie and Howie. They were both really swell little guys who had a lot of energy on the set.

ARE THEY PROFESSIONAL ACTING DOGS?

They had never done any acting before, so it was new to them – but they did such a great job.

They had never actually worn clothes before, so we got them some rehearsal clothes so that they could get used to being dressed before we started filming. They loved it.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE BOI'S SENSE OF STYLE IN SHARPAY'S FABULOUS ADVENTURE?

Boi's fashion is an extension of Sharpay. He wears outfits to accompany her wardrobe or to highlight the colors that she wears. Seeing Sharpay and Boi both wear ridiculous things in the movie is such a joy because they look so great together.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE BOI OUTFIT IN THE NEW MOVIE?

I had a lot of fun creating the outfits for Boi, but there is one item that really stands out for me. When Sharpay arrives in New York City for the very first time, she's wearing a pink sequined trench coat – and we made a matching coat for Boi. Boi's trench coat is made from the same material as Sharpay's coat and it looks so cute in miniature form.



WHERE DID YOU BUY BOI'S CLOTHES?

Most of Boi's outfits were bought in stores, but we did create a couple of pieces specifically for him. We'd also alter a lot of the outfits we bought so that they would match Sharpay's clothes as closely as possible.

HOW DID YOU PERSONALIZE BOI'S OUTFITS?

Sharpay wears a pair of little crop pants in the movie, but we added a pink tuxedo stripe to them to make the outfit look more Sharpay. I used some of the same pink fabric to add sleeves to a jacket Boi wears in the scene. They match each other, which is very cute.

DOES BOI WEAR A LOT OF PINK LIKE SHARPAY?

Sharpay loves pink and there was a lot of pink clothing around for dogs, but most of it is aimed at female dogs. Instead, we dressed Boi in black, but would add a little pink accent to the outfit so that he fit in with Sharpay's look.

HOW CAN WE COPY BOI'S STYLE WITH OUR OWN PETS?

I was amazed at how much dog clothing you can find in stores and online, but the easiest way to copy Boi's style is to add a little sparkle to anything your pet wears. You don't have to buy any dog clothing; you can just add some glitter or rhinestones to your pet's collar or leash.

DOES BOI LOVE GLITTER?

Sharpay loves everything that glitters and shines, so Boi is always wearing outfits with added rhinestones or sparkle. He loves it.

HOW ELSE CAN WE COPY SHARPAY AND BOI'S STYLE?

Boi always matches Sharpay, so if you want to look like Sharpay and her favorite animal, then find a way to co-ordinate your outfits. Changing the collar on your pet is a simple way to do that. If you're wearing a pink dress with black accessories, find a collar for your pet in pink or black. If you're wearing a blue and white outfit, find a blue or white collar for your dog.

WHAT ELSE CAN WE DO TO PERSONALIZE OUR POOCH'S WARDROBE?

Don't forget that you can add a little glitter or rhinestones to your dog's leash, as well as the collar. You can also try adding a little bow to your dog if they've got longer hair – or even a tiny tiara if you can find one.

DO ALL DOGS ENJOY WEARING CLOTHES AND ACCESSORIES?

No, they don't. It's very important to remember that not all dogs like wearing clothes or bows – or anything like that. If that's the case with your pet, don't worry. You can still have fun changing up their collar and leash.

SO DON'T FORCE YOUR DOG TO WEAR ANYTHING THEY DON'T WANT TO WEAR!

Exactly. I think there are two kinds of dogs in the world: dogs that like to get dressed up and dogs that don't. I have never had luck putting a bow on any of my dogs. However, I have friends with dogs that love to get dressed up. It all depends on your pet.

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