

## MTA Annual Pelt Handling Contest – January 2021

The MTA will be having the annual pelt handling contest at the winter meeting in Brainerd. Any member of the association can compete for the title of “Master Fur Handler”. The winner will receive a plaque and have the title of Master Fur Handler for the year. You can enter any pelt up to nine of the species on the list. You may only enter one pelt for each species.

The contest will give points for the top three pelts of each species and the handler with the most total points will win the coveted title of Master Fur Handler for the year. Each first-place pelt will receive 5 points, second place 3 points, and third place 2 points for each species. Prizes will be awarded to the overall winner and all first-place winners in each species.

Once again, we would like to thank Cumberland’s for sponsoring this program again this year. This year’s winners will receive prizes of fur handling equipment and supplies as well as a certificate award. The first, second and third place winners of all species will be listed in the upcoming newsletter.

A lot of information is shared to try and help to improve everyone’s pelt handling skills. Be sure to stop on over and check out the furs. Maybe you can learn some tips to help yourself. Who knows maybe you will try to compete next year?

Please note that changes have been made in the guidelines. **Once again, all pelts must be entered by 10:30 am.** This is due to the time needed to judge all the pelts entered in the contest. We will have expert judges again this year.

A note to any competitor: Remember, that you do not have to trap the animal yourself, YOU must be the one that puts it up. So, you can borrow pelts from someone else if you do the pelt handling. Please be sure that your pelts are completely dry and wiped down. Do not rush them, if they are not thoroughly dry, they could be disqualified. Please plan your pelt handling time accordingly.

So, if you would like to try for the overall title or try to place in one species get your pelts ready. See you at the meeting in January.