

BOOK SNIFFERS AND BEE DOGS BATTLE TO BE WWW.WINNERS



Got a real buzz? One site shows dogs dressed as bees

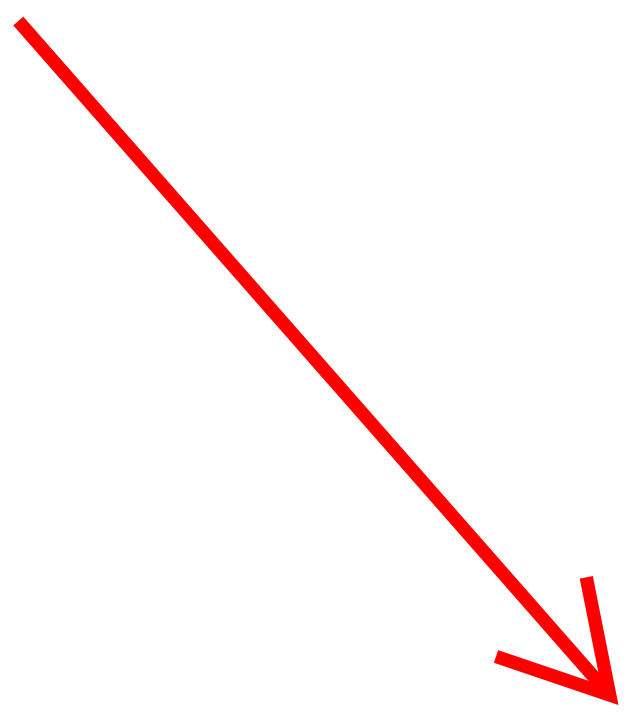
Wacky websites could Net a gong

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SURFERS are being given the opportunity to pick their favourite from an A to Z list of this year's weird, wacky and wonderful websites. Internet experts from the Finds Of The Year campaign, organised by Yahoo, have compiled the selection of 45 sites — contenders for the People's Choice award. Nominations include Dog Blood

Donors, where dog owners can put their pets forward as registered donors; Stop Tout, an ethical ticket exchange for fans; Book Sniffing, for people interested in sniffing books, and Fat Badgers, a region-by-region pub guide. Others include Sheep Poo Paper, showcasing paper products made using sheep droppings; the Pledge Bank,

where people make promises; Baby Friendly Boltholes, a holiday website for families and Bee Dogs, parading pooches dressed as bumble bees. All sites are arranged via category and come under the headings: charity, ethical, educational, innovative, resourceful, travel, weird and wonderful, shopping, entertainment and people's choice. There will be a winner in each section, with public voters choosing the champion in the final field. A spokesman for Yahoo said: "The array of sites ranges from A — The Alternative Wedding List — to Z which is Zubka, a recruitment site which works through recommendations from friends and past colleagues. "The public will have their say and choose their favourite by voting on the Finds Of The Year website." The awards are now in their fifth year. Winners of the first nine categories will be decided by a panel of judges led by last year's winner Nick Poulton, whose website The Leaky Cauldron is a chat and blog site for Harry Potter fans.



THE TOP CONTENDERS...

CHARITY
Cowforce: Aimed at school children. Send A Cow is a charity that raises money to pay for livestock in Africa. cowforce.com
Dog Blood Donors: Allows dog owners to register their canine friends for blood donations. dogblooddonors.com/index.php

ETHICAL
Sheep Poo Paper: Unique recycled paper products made with sheep droppings. creativepaperwales.co.uk

EDUCATIONAL
My Maths: A tool to learn maths that assists children with online homework and offers engaging games to help them understand mathematical concepts. mymaths.co.uk

INNOVATIVE
Nappy Valley: A unique online marketplace for buying and selling quality nearly new baby items. nappyvalley.co.uk
My Private Hire: Advertise your personal items for hire and make money — similar to eBay, but you don't sell your belongings. myprivatehire.com

RESOURCEFUL
Brit Blog: A directory of British blogs. britblog.com

TRAVEL
Escape to the real world: A site that brings travellers together to share experiences. meaningful.i-to-i.com

WEIRD AND WONDERFUL
Bee Dogs: A showcase of dogs that are dressed up as bees. beedogs.com
Book Sniffing: A site for a group of people who are interested in sniffing books. uk.geocities.com/booksniffersanon

SHOPPING
Supermarket Wine: Wine shopping site that enables you to find reviewed and recommended wine at your local supermarket. supermarketwine.com

ENTERTAINMENT
The Bubble Burst: A look at where certain celebrities are now. thebubbleburst.co.uk
The Custard: Preview listings for television. thecustard.tv