

= Fursuit =

Fursuits are animal costumes . Fursuits can be worn for personal enjoyment , work or charity .

The term " fursuit " is believed to have been coined in 1993 by Robert King and is usually used to describe custom @-@ made animal costumes owned and worn by cosplayers or members of the furry fandom . Unlike mascot suits , which are usually affiliated with a team or organization , fursuits represent a stand @-@ alone character .

Fursuiters may adopt another personality while in costume for the purpose of performance . Fursuits are typically sold online by commission or auction , but can also be sold at conventions .

= = Creation and construction = =

Most fursuits are created by specialized online businesses if they are not self @-@ made . Workmanship quality varies widely depending on the cost of the suit and skill of the maker . A fursuit may cost more than a thousand dollars .

Many suits include special padding or undersuits to give the character its desired shape (this is especially present in larger characters or those of a particular gender) .

Other suit variations include the partial suit , which only has a mask , gloves , a tail , and possibly feet , with regular clothing covering the rest of the body . Three @-@ quarter suits also include part of the body , like the torso or legs . This type of fursuit works well for characters who only wear a shirt without pants or just a pair of pants without a shirt . Quadsuits are designed with arm @-@ extending stilts so that the wearer can walk on all fours , for a more realistic appearance .

Fursuits can be expensive to clean .

= = Applications = =

Animal costumes have been part of human culture since prehistorical times . Some of the customs have continued such as the Kurentovanje festival in Ptuj Slovenia , where participants dress in costumes of sheep or rabbit fur with feathers and animal horns and part of a fertility rite .

Fursuits are worn to furry conventions and other events such as anime or gaming conventions . Fursuits may also be worn in public .

Some fursuit owners use their suits as temporary costumed characters to bring attention to an event or charity . A subset of fursuits more resemble creature suits and may be used in live action role @-@ playing games (LARP) or films .