



Living with Wildlife Photography Contest

Entries must be postmarked or received by September 17, 2010, and include all relevant information below and the appropriate entrance fee.

Please complete a new entry form for each photograph entered.

All photos entered must measure 8" x 10". Larger photos will not be accepted (prints on 8 1/2" x 11" paper are fine).

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Photograph subject: _____

Location: _____ Date taken: _____

Entry category (please check one. See Official Rules for details):

- Bay Area Wild Birds in Their Natural Settings
- Bay Area Wild Animals (Other) in Their Natural Settings
- General Nature (plants, geology, natural phenomena, landscape etc.)
- Living with Wildlife (animals in human environments or contexts)

Please include the names and telephone numbers of all people appearing in your photograph on the back of this form. Additional notes on your submission may also be included on the back of this form.

Photographer's Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP Code: _____

Telephone/Email: _____

Entry Fee:

\$15 per submission

By signing below I agree to all contest rules for WildCare's Living with Wildlife Photography Contest. I also understand that if I have not submitted the required entry fee my photo will not be entered in the contest.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Sorry, photos submitted will not be returned.

Send all entries to:

Living with Wildlife Photography Contest
Attn: Alison Hermance
WildCare
76 Albert Park Lane
San Rafael, CA 94901

Please make checks or money orders to "WildCare."

Credit Card Information (Visa, MasterCard or Discover)

Name on Card: _____

Card Number: _____ Exp.: _____ CVV code: _____



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Official Rules

Please note: Some rules have changed since the 2009 contest!

Please read the following contest rules carefully.

Thank you for entering!

*** Please note:***

By submitting your photograph to WildCare's Living with Wildlife Photography Contest you give WildCare permission to use the image as desired including but not limited to publication in newsletters, flyers and publicity and fundraising materials.

Entry Categories (please note new entry categories):

- **Bay Area Wild Birds in Their Natural Settings**
 - Only photographs of wild birds that live naturally in the Bay Area are eligible. Photographs with a main subject of domestic animals such as pets or farm animals and photographs of zoo animals will not be accepted. Contact Alison at alisonhermance@wildcarebayarea.org if you have questions about the eligibility of your photograph.
 - Only photos of birds may be entered in this category.
 - Only photographs taken in the nine Bay Area counties are eligible for entry. The nine Bay Area counties are Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano and Sonoma.
- **Bay Area Wild Animals (Other) (mammals, reptiles, insects etc.) in Their Natural Settings**
 - Only photographs of wild animals that live naturally in the Bay Area are eligible. Photographs with a main subject of domestic animals such as pets or farm animals and photographs of zoo animals will not be accepted. Contact Alison at alisonhermance@wildcarebayarea.org if you have questions about the eligibility of your photograph.
 - Photos of mammals, reptiles, amphibians, insects etc. may be entered in this category.
 - Only photographs taken in the nine Bay Area counties are eligible for entry.
- **General Nature (plants, geology, natural phenomena, landscapes etc.)**
 - Only photographs taken in the nine Bay Area counties are eligible for entry.
- **Living with Wildlife (animals in human environments or contexts)**
 - The best entries in this category illustrate wild animal(s) interacting or conflicting in some way with people, our domestic animals or human-made objects, property etc.
 - A Bay Area wild animal (or animals) must be the subject of the photograph, although people, buildings etc. may be in the image.
 - No animal may be harmed, deliberately captured or otherwise compromised in the taking of the photograph. Any photographs of animals in captivity, rehabilitation or other "controlled" circumstance must include a brief description of the circumstance in which the photo was taken. Please include this information on the back side of the entry form.
 - Only photographs taken in the nine Bay Area counties are eligible for entry.

Prizes

Prizes will be given for the best photograph in the show and for the best photograph in each category.

The photograph judged Best in Show will win \$500 and will be featured in WildCare's Newsletter. The Best in Category winners will be printed in the newsletter.

The judged top five photographs in each category will be entered into an online contest for the People's Choice Award for which an additional prize will be awarded.

Additional Rules and Guidelines

Photos must be the property of the entrant and must not have been digitally altered. Basic development procedures like cropping, lightening and darkening are allowed.

WildCare employees and their families, professional photographers (defined as people who make more than 50% of their living from photography), contest judges and families of contest judges are not eligible.

WildCare volunteers and their families **are** eligible to enter.

Entry fees are \$15 for each photograph submitted. If the required entry fees are not submitted for your entry/entries, your photograph(s) will not be entered in the contest.

Please fill out a separate entry form for each photo submitted. Please note the subject, location, and date taken of each photograph on the form, and list the full names and telephone numbers of any people present in the photo on the back of the form. Please attach the entry form with this information to the submitted proof/print.

You may enter as many times as you wish. All entries must be accompanied by a completed and signed entry form and the required entry fees stated above. One check/credit card form for all entries is fine.

Photos must have some aspect of Bay Area nature as the main subject. People or structures may be in the picture, but the main focus of the photo should be nature-related. Photos deemed as not having a main subject of nature will not be judged. WildCare reserves the right to re-categorize submitted photos.

Animals must not be compromised in any way to get a photo. When an animal's behavior changes because of your presence, you are disturbing it. Responsible wildlife photographers watch for changes in animals' behavior to avoid disturbing them. It is against the law to harass wildlife-- this includes intentionally or accidentally causing an animal to flush, or startling or spooking an animal.

Any photograph that results in the admission of an animal to WildCare will be disqualified and the entry fee put toward the animal's care.

Only photographs taken in the nine Bay Area Counties are eligible in all categories. The nine Bay Area counties are Sonoma, Napa, Solano, Contra Costa, Alameda, Santa Clara, San Mateo, San Francisco and Marin.

There is no time limit on photographs (i.e. they do not have to have been taken in 2009 - 2010).

Previously published material may be entered; however, please include information on when and where the photo appeared. This information may be included on the back of the entry form.

Color or black and white prints, digital images (with a printed proof) and slides (with a printed proof) will be accepted.

Photos must not be matted or in frames.

All photos must be submitted as:

- a) an 8" x 10" professionally printed glossy or matte printed photo suitable for scanning, or
- b) a slide (with an 8" x 10" ink-jet proof). **All submitted photos must measure 8" x 10". Larger photos / prints will not be accepted. 8 x 10 images printed on 8 1/2" x 11" (standard paper size) are fine.**
- c) an 8" x 10" home ink-jet printed photo proof accompanied by a high-resolution digital image (minimum 300dpi at 8" x 10") in jpeg, tif or eps format. Please include a CD of your image(s) with your entry form. **All submitted prints must measure 8" x 10" (prints on 8 1/2" x 11" paper will be accepted). Larger photos / prints (e.g. 11" x 14" prints) will not be accepted.**

Please note: All submitted entries must be high resolution (minimum 300 dpi at 8" x 10"). Photographs that are blurry or indistinct at 8" x 10" will not be suitable for publishing in the newsletter. Unless submitting a professionally printed photo suitable for scanning, please submit both a reasonably high-resolution ink-jet proof and high-resolution digital version of your photograph.

Photos in mats or frames will not be accepted.

If necessary, digital copies of photo(s) may be sent to alisonhermance@wildcarebayarea.org. However, hard copy proof(s) of the photo(s) must be submitted for judging. **Digital submissions without accompanying hard copies will NOT be judged.**

Any submitted photographs may be displayed on WildCare's website and/or in promotional materials. WildCare retains the right to use photos for promotional purposes without compensation to the photographer, but will credit the photographer. In addition, WildCare, at its discretion, retains the right to provide photos to outside organizations that wish to publish or display them. In this instance, WildCare will require that the photos appear with credit to the photographer as well as WildCare.

A reception and photo exhibition will be arranged after the contest.

Entries must be postmarked by **Friday, September 17, 2010**. Late entries will not be accepted.

A panel of five judges will choose a Best in Show winner and Best in Category winners in each of the three categories. Winning photos will be judged on the following:

1. Suitability of subject matter.
2. Lighting, composition and technical quality.

Once judging has been completed, the judged best five photographs in each category will be entered for online People's Choice voting. The photograph that receives the most votes through an online survey will win the prize for People's Choice.

All proceeds from contest entries go to support WildCare's programs in wildlife rehabilitation and nature education. **Please make checks or money orders for entry fees to "WildCare" and write "Photo Contest" in the memo field.** Please do not send cash. Pay by credit card by filling out card number and expiration date on the entry form. One check / credit card for multiple entries by the same photographer is fine.