



### 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Contest – 2018 Rules

#### General Information:

- **Contest begins on January 2, 2018 and ends on January 31, 2018.**
- **Entries are due by 4 p.m. on February 1, 2018. Late entries will not be accepted.**
- The contest is open to photographers of all abilities, ages 5 and up.
- Rosamond Gifford Zoo staff, Friends of the Zoo staff, sponsor employees, volunteers and board members are not eligible to participate, nor are their immediate family members.
- **To be eligible, photos MUST be taken at the zoo during the contest period of January 2-31, 2018.**
- Each person is limited to 2 final entries. Both entries should be listed on the online entry form; please provide photo title and description for each.
- Complimentary zoo admission is available to contest participants who show their camera at the ticket booth. **Please note: cell phones will not be accepted as cameras for this purpose.**
- There is a limit of 1 entrant per household or group per day, to enter the zoo free of charge.
- **Photographers must follow zoo rules, stay on paths and obey posted signs. Flash is prohibited where indicated.**
- The zoo reserves the right to terminate, cancel or suspend the contest without notice.
- Submission of an entry automatically constitutes the contestant's acceptance of all the conditions set forth in the rules.

#### Submission Details:

- **The online entry form MUST be submitted in order to enter the contest. The link to the form is on the contest page, [rosamondgiffordzoo.org/photo-contest](http://rosamondgiffordzoo.org/photo-contest).**
- **Photo entries must be e-mailed to [photocontest@rosamondgiffordzoo.org](mailto:photocontest@rosamondgiffordzoo.org).**
- **E-mailed photos must be sent as an attachment and labeled with animal/species, followed by entrant's name.** (Example: Lion\_JaneSmith).
- If the photo contains a readily identifiable person as a subject, the photographer must submit the person's name, address and phone number via the online entry form field.
- If the subject is a minor, the photographer must also submit the parent or guardian's information. This information must be submitted on the online entry form.

#### Photo Specifications:

- **Entries must be in a digital format to be eligible.**
- Photos must be submitted in jpeg format. Please provide the largest file size possible (at least 300 dpi) to allow for quality printing of photos.
- Low resolution images will not be considered.
- **Minor digital enhancements, such as cropping, contrast, etc. are permitted.**
- **Images that have been significantly modified will be disqualified.**
- **Photos with date marks, watermarks, logos, signatures or copyright notices will be disqualified.**
- Contest officials reserve the right to refuse any photo that does not meet the photo specifications or adhere to contest rules.

### Photo Management:

- All submissions become property of the Rosamond Gifford Zoo and will not be acknowledged or returned.
- By entering the contest, you grant the Rosamond Gifford Zoo and its sponsors the non-exclusive, world-wide, perpetual right and license to use, display, reproduce, publish, transmit and distribute your photograph on the Internet, and/or in any other promotional materials produced by the zoo and the contest sponsors.
- Photographers retain the right to use the submitted photo.
- When possible, the Rosamond Gifford Zoo will credit the photographer when his/her photo is used. It is unlikely that photographers will be notified prior to photo usage.
- The zoo reserves the right to crop and/or re-size photos if necessary.
- By entering the contest, you represent, acknowledge and warrant that the submitted photo is an original work created solely by you, and you are the sole owner of all right, title and interest in and to your photo.
- Winning images and all other contest entries could be used in any of the zoo's print and digital collateral.

### Judging, Prizes & Award Presentation:

- Judging will take place in February 2018.
- **Winners will be contacted via the email they provide on the entry form by mid-February.**
- **Awards ceremony is Friday, February 23 at 3 p.m. at the Rosamond Gifford Zoo.**
- All contestants are welcome and encouraged to attend. Contestants need not be present to win.
- **Following the awards ceremony, winners will be listed on the contest page: [rosamondgiffordzoo.org/photo-contest](http://rosamondgiffordzoo.org/photo-contest) and photos will be shared across the zoo's social media channels.**
- **Winning images will appear in the windows above the zoo's Curious Cub Gift Shop for one year, in the community as part of a traveling photo exhibition at sponsoring organizations and in the pages of *MyZoo Magazine*; grand prize photo will appear on the cover of the spring issue.**