



Andean Bear Calendar Photo Contest



SPONSOR: The Andean Bear Calendar Photo Contest is sponsored by the Andean Bear Foundation, a 501(c)(3) registered non-profit in the USA, supporting the Andean Bear Project in Ecuador.

We are looking for beautiful photos of the Andean Bear, *Tremarctos ornatus*, to feature in a calendar that will increase awareness of this little-known bear. Time is running out for the Andean Bear. The tranquil cloud forests of the Andean mountain ranges, where these bears live, are rapidly disappearing. To save Andean bears from extinction, we need to educate people about them, and this calendar will encourage people to visit their local Andean bears and learn more about them.

ELIGIBILITY: The Contest is open to amateur and professional photographers who are 18 years or older at time of entry.

Images must meet the following requirements to be eligible:

- Photos must be of an Andean Bear taken at a zoo that holds membership in the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, Asociación Latinoamericana de Parques Zoológicos y Acuarios (ALPZA) or World Association of Zoos and Aquariums, or of a bear in the wild - should you be so lucky!
- To be eligible, entries must be submitted in **digital format** to andeanbears@gmail.com. **Photos may be submitted until April 15, 2011.** No late submissions accepted.
- Photographs will be accepted only from the original photographer who must be the sole author and the owner of the copyright for photos submitted.
- A photographer may submit up to 5 digital images.
- Each entrant is asked to provide the following information:
 - Name (First, Last)
 - Mailing Street Address
 - City, State, Country, Postal Code
 - Phone Number

Note: The information gathered will be used exclusively to contact the entrant about their images' status in the Andean Bear Calendar Photo Contest. We will not add the entrant to a mailing list or release their contact information to any outside parties.

 - Date the photo was taken
 - Name of bear
 - Age of bear, date of birth, if known
 - Location image was taken
 - Description, max. 200 words and any camera/equipment information you wish to include.
- Digital image entries may be color or black and white, horizontal or vertical format.
- Limited image modifications are allowed. The intent and effect of any modification must be to produce a more natural looking and accurate photograph.
 - You may submit images taken with a digital camera or images taken with a film-based camera and scanned into a digital format. Your digital image must be of sufficient resolution. **Images must be submitted at 300 dpi JPEG, TIFF, or PDF format no smaller than 8X10 inches (2400x3000 pixels) and no larger than 12x14 inches (3600x4200 pixels).**
 - Digital camera add-on lenses, filters, and scopes are permitted without restriction.

- o Images may be cropped as long as a rectangular format is maintained. Images may be resized as long as aspect ratio is maintained.
- o Watermarks, Signatures, or Copyright Notices are not permitted on entries for this contest.
- o Do not add any elements or objects that do not exist in the original scene.

All entries will be posted online for public voting at 72 dpi at a size of 4x6 inches on the Facebook page of "Coya Bear" - the Andean Bear Foundation's current ambassador. www.facebook.com/coya.bear.ecuador Photographer and copyright information will be included on each photo to prevent unauthorized use.

The Andean Bear Foundation will not release the print quality files for print use by others, and will not use the images for any purpose other than the 2012 calendar without written consent of the photographer.

Images not awarded a place on the Andean Bear Calendar 2012 will be deleted after the contest.

By submitting a photo to the email address: andeanbears@gmail.com, you agree to the terms above.

GRAND PRIZE:

- **"Cover Bear"** of the Andean Bear Foundation's **Andean Bears Calendar**.
- A calendar in the Zazzle "huge" format.
- \$100 Zazzle Gift Card. This card can be used to purchase items at any Zazzle store, or our volunteer store coordinator will create a one-of-a-kind item of your choice using your winning photo. This product would **not** be offered for sale in the Zazzle marketplace.

Second and Third Prizes:

- A calendar in the Zazzle "huge" format.

Honorable Mention (Popular Vote):

- A calendar in the Zazzle "standard" format.

Judging: Fans will be asked to vote for their favorite photos - up to 5 votes per person, beginning Friday, April 15, at midnight Eastern Daylight Time (*GMT* -4 hours). This first round of voting will end Sunday, April 24, 2011 at midnight Eastern Daylight Time (*GMT* -4 hours).

All photos will be submitted to a panel of judges, including a professional photographer, zoo-keepers, bear biologist, Andean Bear Foundation representative, renowned wildlife veterinarian, and a retailer of bear-related items. Winners will be announced Sunday, May 1, 2011, on the Andean Bear Foundation website www.andeanbear.org and will also be notified by email.

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