

Who Says Animals Don't Have a Sense of Humor?

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Check out the finalists of the Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards.

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'Drive Safe' (Photo: Jonathan Irish/Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards)

From a smiling shark to an elephant playing in the dirt and a whole bunch of bears dancing the tango, this year's [Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards](#) finalists are sure to put a smile on your face.

These 41 images were selected out of thousands of submissions from around the world. While the photos are whimsical, the competition also has a serious message. The photography contest maintains a partnership with Born Free Foundation, an international nonprofit organization that is "working tirelessly to ensure that all wild animals, whether living in captivity or in the wild, are treated with compassion and respect. We work across the world to preserve and protect wildlife in its natural habitat – finding Compassionate Conservation solutions so that humans and wildlife can co-exist peacefully."

For the first time, the competition has opened up one category, the Affinity Photo People's Choice Award, for a

public vote. Anyone can [vote online](#) for their favorite.

On Nov. 15, one of the images listed here will be announced as the grand prize winner, and all of these photographs will be published in [The Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards Vol. 2](#) book to be released in October.



‘The Yawn’ (Photo: Danielle D’Ermo/Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards)



‘Order’ (Photo: Achim Sterna/Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards)



‘Bullies’ (Photo: Amy Kennedy/Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards)



‘Guffaw’ (Photo: Amy Kennedy/Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards)



‘Ashamed’ (Photo: Antonio Medina/Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards)



‘Smiling ele’ (Photo: Anup Deodhar/Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards)



‘So There’ (Photo: Barney Koszalka/Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards)



‘Dancing Deer’ (Photo: Bartek Olszewski/Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards)



‘I guess the honeymoon is over’ (Photo: Christopher Schlaf/Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards)



‘Rabbit hiding face in embarrassment’ (Photo: Daniel Friend/Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards)



‘Coastal brown bear cub with headache’ (Photo: Danielle D’Ermo/Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards)



‘Perfect Pillow’ (Photo: Denise Dupras/Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards)



‘Split’ (Photo: Geert Weggen/Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards)



‘Walrus Breath’ (Photo: Jackie Downey/Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards)



‘Astonished Lemur’ (Photo: Jakob Strecker/Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards)



‘Crouching Tiger Peeking Moose’ (Photo: Jamie Bussey/Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards)



‘Rhinopecock’ (Photo: Kallol Mukherjee/Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards)



‘The Black Skimmer Gang’ (Photo: Ke Qiang Ruan/Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards)



‘Flying Hyena’ (Photo: Kevin Rooney/Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards)



‘Dances with Bears’ (Photo: Luca Venturi/Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards)



‘The singing moose’ (Photo: Mary Hone/Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards)



‘Caught in the Act’ (Photo: Mary McGowan/Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards)



‘Have a Headache’ (Photo: Maureen Toft/Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards)



‘Should have gone to Specsavers’ (Photo: Michael Lane/Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards)

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‘Tango’ (Photo: Michael Watts/Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards)



‘Spy’ (Photo: Muntazeri Abdi/Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards)



‘Happy’ (Photo: Muriel Vekemans/Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards)



‘The people are back’ (Photo: Patty Bauchman/Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards)



‘Yoga Bear’ (Photo: Qiusheng Hu/Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards)



‘majestic stag’ (Photo: Robert Adamson/Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards)



‘PhotograBear’ (Photo: Roie Galitz/Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards)



‘Polar bear doing yoga’ (Photo: Roie Galitz/Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards)



‘Least Tern Chick’ (Photo: Sarah Devlin/Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards)



‘Hot Kiss’ (Photo: Sergey Savvi/Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards)



‘Martian Tango’ (Photo: Sergey Savvi/Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards)



‘This is Sparta’ (Photo: Sergey Savvi/Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards)



‘Peek-a-boo’ (Photo: Shane Keena/Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards)



‘Over here’ (Photo: Simon Gee/Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards)



‘Smiling Blue Shark’ (Photo: Tanya Houppermans/Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards)



‘Mother returned from her parents meeting from school’ (Photo: Valterri Mulkahainen/Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards)