



## RSPCA Young Photographer Awards

It's back! The RSPCA Young Photographer Awards is our annual animal photography competition for anyone aged 18 years or younger and it's FREE to enter. This year's competition opened on 4 May 2021 and closes on 16 August 2021. It's a fantastic opportunity for your pupils to get creative this summer – and we'd love your help in spreading the word.

We want to encourage young people's interest in animals and the natural world, as well as develop their photography skills. Last year, despite lockdown, we had a record 10,000 entries and we're hoping to top that in 2021. No fancy equipment or specialist skills are required to take part – just a love of animals and a keen eye.

There are 11 categories to choose from, including the new Schools Challenge where pupils enter individually but also represent their school. We crown a winner in each category, an overall winner, and there's an online public vote in March 2022 for the People's Choice Award.

### CATEGORIES:

- under 12 years
- 12–15 years
- 16–18 years
- portfolio
- mobile phone and devices
- picture perfect pets
- Instagram
- new: schools challenge: animal welfare watch

There are some fantastic prizes to be won, including a UK weekend photography break (for the overall winner and a parent/guardian) with Natures Images, up to £3,000 in Amazon vouchers, certificates and trophies. Judging takes place in September, by our panel of award-winning and professional wildlife photographers, including naturalist and broadcaster, **Chris Packham** – who also hosts our awards ceremony in December.

We'd love you to display this poster to promote the competition on your noticeboards. If you would like more information on the competition, Schools Challenge, or the RSPCA's magazines Animal action and animal life, please email me at: [ypa@rspca.org.uk](mailto:ypa@rspca.org.uk)

To continue your pupils' interest in animals and the natural world, you might also be interested in our Compassionate Class programme. Comprising a fun and interactive series of downloadable resources, Compassionate Class encourages children to develop compassion and empathy through the lens of animal welfare. To find out more about Compassionate Class and see all our education activities, ideas and resources, please visit [www.education.rspca.org.uk](http://www.education.rspca.org.uk).

Thank you and we look forward to seeing your children's RSPCA Young Photographer Awards entries!

Best wishes

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