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Wild Shots Photo Contest Award Ceremony

Winners to Receive Prizes from Ritz Camera & Naples Zoo this Saturday

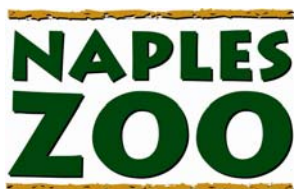
The animals posed, the photographers clicked, and the judges have made their decisions. Now it's time to award the prizes for Naples Zoo's *Wild Shots Photo Contest* sponsored by Ritz Camera. On Saturday, October 7, the top winner in each of the three categories will receive their prizes during the 11:30 a.m. Serpents: Fangs & Fiction Show. Please arrive a few minutes early as seating is limited in the Safari Canyon theater and October 7 is a free day for Collier County residents who arrive prior to 11 a.m. (More info on Collier County resident benefits at www.napleszoo.com/collier).

Judges included representatives from contest sponsor Ritz Camera, Naples Zoo staff, the Naples Marco Island Everglades Convention and Visitors Bureau, Collier County Parks and Recreation, and the Naples Zoo Board of Directors. Photos were independently scored and the highest average scores from each category won. Geoffrey Glander of Naples won the child category with an image of an Indochinese tiger, the rarest tigers in America. A stunning portrait of one of the zoo's military macaws taken by Steven Hochman of Fort Myers won the novice category. And Roman Gomez of Naples won the top award in the advanced category with another Indochinese tiger image taken in the popular Tiger Forest area at Naples Zoo. Winning images can be seen at the zoo's website at www.napleszoo.com/photo.

Naples Zoo is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization located at 1590 Goodlette-Frank Road across from the Coastland Center mall in the heart of Naples. The nationally accredited Zoo supports conservation and research around the world. The Zoo welcomes guests daily from 9:30 to 5:30 with the last ticket sold at 4:30. To learn more, click www.napleszoo.com or call (239) 262-5409.

Print Quality Images: 300 dpi high resolution images of the winning photos may be immediately downloaded by the media at www.napleszoo.com/photo by clicking on the smaller images on the page.

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