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# 2012 National Geographic Photography Contest Winners

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The winners have been named in the [2012 National Geographic Photography](#) contest. As a leader in capturing the world through brilliant imagery, National Geographic sets the standard for photographic excellence. This year's competition brought 22,000 entries from over 150 countries, professionals and amateurs participating. Photographs were submitted in three categories : people, places and nature ; and entries judged on creativity and photographic quality by a panel of experts. There was a [Grand Prize winner](#), a winner in each category and a collection of Viewer's Choice Winners as well. Enjoy. â€” **Paula Nelson** ( [14 photos total](#))[bp1.jpg](#)

*Grand Prize Winner and 1st Place/Nature* : THE EXPLOSION ! - The subject's name is Busaba, a well cared for Indochinese Tigress whose home is at Khao Kheow Open Zoo, Thailand. I had taken many portraits of Busaba previously and it was becoming more and more difficult to come up with an image that appeared any different to the others. Which is why I took to observing her more carefully during my visits in the hope of capturing something of a behavioral shot. The opportunity finally presented itself while watching Busaba enjoying her private pool then shaking herself dry. In all humility I have to say that Mother Nature smiled favorably on me that day ! (Photo and caption by Ashley Vincent/National Geographic Photo Contest)

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