

## **2011 NCHS PHOTO CONTEST ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **ANNOUNCING A NEW FEATURE OF THE TRADITIONAL NCHS PHOTO CONTEST**

As previously noted, in addition to the traditional photo contest, we will be implementing a new "Photo Assignment" category for the 2011 Photo Contest. The traditional three categories for judging will remain unchanged. Please read below for the details of submitting photos for the traditional categories and the assignment category.

**For the 2011 Fall Meeting Photo Contest, we ask each of the members (yes, that includes you) to submit PHOTOS OF TURTLES to be judged in our special Photo Assignment category.**

#### **PHOTO ASSIGNMENT CATEGORY SPECIFICS:**

Each member may submit up to three **turtle photos** for judging in the Assignment category. These photos are IN ADDITION to any photos submitted for the other three categories (Color Images of Herps, Herpers in Action, and Black/White) as described below in the Traditional Photo Contest announcement. One winner will be chosen in the Photo Assignment category. The Prize for the Photo Assignment category has not yet been determined, but will be different from the prizes awarded for the other three traditional categories. Bug Peyton Hale as much as you can so that he will come up with some good prizes for the winner of the Assignment.

**Please refer to the traditional photo contest announcement below for details regarding presentation of entries, judging, submittal requirements, the deadline for entry, and the fine print.** These details will also be listed on our website ([www.ncherps.org](http://www.ncherps.org)). Please contact David Cooper at the above-listed e-mail address with any questions.

**TRADITIONAL PHOTO CONTEST: Please read this carefully before submitting photos for entry in the contest.**

**Traditional Categories: 1) color images of herps; 2) black & white images of herps; and 3) "herpers in action."** Entries must be submitted in digital format (see below), and are limited to **three per entrant per category.**

**Prizes:** First, second, and third place prizes will be awarded in each category. Prizes will consist of coupons good toward the purchase of any Herp Shop items (or toward the purchase of NCHS memberships). First place winners will receive a \$20 coupon; second place winners will receive a \$10 coupon; and third place winners will receive a \$5 coupon. NCHS reserves the right to award no prize if insufficient entries are received in a category for fair judging.

**Presentation of Entries:** A powerpoint slide show of all eligible entries will be compiled by the Photo Contest Chair. This slide show will be presented, and winners will be announced, at the Fall NCHS meeting. Please refer to the meeting agenda for the time the entries will be shown.

**Judging:** The judging for 2011 will be performed by a qualified panel of three judges appointed by the President and/or the Photo Contest Committee who are not contest participants, have not been a party to the slide show compilation, and who have not previously seen the entries.

**Submittal Requirements:** The contest is open to any **amateur<sup>(1)</sup>** photographer who is a **current member<sup>(2)</sup>** of NCHS. The photography contest will again be in **all-digital format**. Digital images should be submitted as JPEGs. Resolution should be high enough to avoid pixelation when shown in the powerpoint presentation. No modifications will be performed after the image is submitted, with the exception of sizing the images for optimal fit in the photo contest powerpoint presentation. **Images submitted should be labeled with title, photographer's name, species, locality information, and the date the photo was taken.** Images may depict either wild or captive animals from any geographic

location. Images submitted on CD should be sent to: **David Cooper, 400 Pine Run, Knightdale, NC 27545**. Images submitted via e-mail should be sent to: [nvrpetaburningdog@yahoo.com](mailto:nvrpetaburningdog@yahoo.com). Technical questions regarding converting slides, film, or prints to digital format may be directed to David Cooper at the above-listed e-mail address or (919) 906-3859.

**Deadline:** All entries must be received **no later than two weeks prior to the Fall Meeting, so October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2011 at 11:59 pm is the final time that entries will be accepted**. This will allow the photo contest committee time to compile and judge entries before the meeting. Entries will **not** be accepted the day of the meeting.

**The Fine Print:** By submitting an image to the NCHS photo contest, the photographer affirms that the image is his or her own work<sup>(3)</sup>, and gives NCHS the right to show the image as part of the photo contest presentation at the Fall Meeting. Certain photos may be used in NCHS educational materials or for non-profit NCHS fund-raising purposes<sup>(4)</sup>.

- (1) For the purposes of the NCHS photo contest, "professional photographer" is defined as a person who has ever made, in any given year, ten percent (10%) or more of his or her yearly salary from the sale of photographs.
- (2) Current members are defined as those members whose memberships have not expired yet. Entries from members whose memberships are currently expired will not be considered for judging until the membership is renewed.
- (3) Images will not be accepted if the member submitting the image is not the actual photographer.
- (4) Photographer will be notified in writing prior to use of his or her photo by NCHS for educational or fund-raising purposes. Photographer will have the opportunity to refuse NCHS the right to use his or her photo.