

Cat Naps: capture your sleeping cat on camera for charity photo competition

International Cat Care's annual photography competition is back for its fourth year with a brand new theme - Cat Naps.

The charity, in association with *Your Cat* magazine, is searching for beautiful and unique images of cats asleep or resting to feature in its 2017 calendar (and other published materials) that will be sold to raise funds for the charity. Images can be of cats sleeping alone or with other cats or animals, cats asleep in weird and wonderful locations or of cats simply curled up. Basically any image that shows a cat engaging in one of the species' favourite pastimes – sleeping!

Twelve winning images will be selected by the judges from iCatCare and *Your Cat* magazine. These will feature in the calendar with the overall winner appearing on the cover. Images entered into the competition may also be used in other iCatCare materials and on the charity's social media. Any image used will always be credited to the photographer.

The overall winner will receive £500, plus a year's subscription to *Your Cat* magazine. The other competition winners will receive £100 each and all winning photographers will be sent a certificate, three copies of the calendar and a selection of iCatCare merchandise. Winners will also be invited to attend iCatCare's annual awards event at Kensington Roof Gardens in London.

The competition opened on 1 April and will close at on 15 May 2016. Winners will be announced on iCatCare's social media shortly after.

For a chance to win and to find out full terms and conditions, visit: <u>www.icatcare.org/photography-competition</u>. International Cat Care has also included some top tips on how to take the perfect picture of cats from past winners of the competition.

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Pictures:

File name: *cat-asleep-in-tree.jpg* Picture caption: One of the entries from the 2015 iCatCare Photography Competition, by Hon Wa Yip, Hong Kong

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Notes to editors:

About International Cat Care (iCatCare) The International Cat Care vision: All cats, owned and unowned, are treated with care, compassion and understanding.

The International Cat Care mission:

To engage, educate and empower people throughout the world to improve the health and welfare of cats by sharing advice, training and passion.

For more information, please visit <u>http://www.icatcare.org</u> or <u>https://www.facebook.com/icatcare</u>