

OUTBACK ROUNDUP 2012

It was tough to pick winners in our first-ever, all-digital photo contest. It was cheaper for photographers (not having to make prints with color that didn't always match their good images), quicker for us (thanks to Ann Galli at *RANGE* who input the data in secret, and Stuart Schofield, bossman of Shooting the West, who displayed all photos on a big screen for the judges), and it was also the

right thing—because we got more entries. Hundreds of images from photographers in 17 states were judged by award-winning photographers Linda Dufurrena and Marilyn Newton (who encouraged the switch to digital), plus the publisher of this magazine (who resisted).

Terrific Merit Award winners will follow in issues soon, but here are “the winners.”



BEST OF SHOW

“NEW LEGS” A newborn calf on the D2 Ranch in North Powder, Oregon, stands up for the first time.

© Sarah B. Anderson, The Dalles, Oregon



1st PLACE

“CROSSING STREAM”

Ramon Castro, equine buddy, and border collie Panda chase cattle across the creek on the Hideout Ranch in Shell, Wyoming. © Jim Cunningham, LeGrand, California

4th PLACE

“COWBOY BLISS”

Brooks Randall with Cole the curious horse, and Charlie the dogie calf that Brooks bottle-fed from a couple of days old.

© Allison Randall Pine, Arizona





2nd PLACE

“HUFF & PUFF”

Always ready for lunch at the Weishaupt Ranch in Stillwater, Nevada.

© Sheree Jensen, Fallon, Nevada

5th PLACE

“OUT WEST GREETING”

A friendly palomino quarter horse on Steve and Sandy Neff’s ranch in Ruby Valley, Nevada. The East Humboldt Range is in the background.

© Susan Summer Elliott
Elko, Nevada



3rd PLACE

“MORNING LIGHT”

Shepherd and his trusty dog keep Espil Ranch sheep gathered on the day before shipping in Modoc National Forest in Northern California. © Duane McGarva, Likely, California