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GENUINE LOVE FOR DOGS CAPTURED AS DOG PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR WINNERS ARE ANNOUNCED

The Kennel Club has announced the winners of its fourth annual Dog Photographer of the Year competition.

The competition, sponsored by Snappy Snaps, was open to any dog enthusiast - professional photographer and amateur alike - with a camera and a genuine love of dogs.

People from across the world sent in original shots that they had captured on camera to enter into one of the four different categories; Dogs at Work, Dogs at Play, Dog Portrait and Man's Best Friend. The competition also included a special category for younger dog fans entitled; 'I love dogs because...' which saw under 16's invited to take a picture and finish the sentence, telling the Kennel Club why they love dogs.

The Kennel Club is proud to announce that the 2008 winners for each of the categories are

- Dogs at Work – Richard Pettet



- Dogs at Play – Tina Otto
- Dog Portrait – Laura Gale
- Man's Best Friend – Laura Jane Faley
- 'I love dogs because...' – Daniel Combes

The winning photographs from each category will be on display at Discover Dogs, which is held at Earls Court, London on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th November. The photographs will be on show for thousands of visitors at the event to view. The winner from each category will also be presented with a framed print of their photograph.

Tina Otto's image has been announced as the overall winning image and will be reproduced on the front cover of the December edition of the Kennel Club's flagship publication, the Kennel Gazette. As the winner of the Under 16's category, Daniel Combes will get the chance to spend the day with professional dog photographer Marc Henrie on a photo shoot witnessing a few tricks of the trade first hand!

The winners were chosen by a panel of five judges who carefully reviewed all the great photos and stories that were sent in. The judges came from a variety of backgrounds, from dog photographer Marc Henrie to Snappy Snaps Marketing Manager and Director, Ann Simpson.

Representing the judging panel, Rosemary Smart, Chief Executive of the Kennel Club, said: "Once again we have received so many wonderful photographs which really demonstrate people's genuine love for dogs. It was a very difficult decision to select the winners so congratulations to all of our finalists, and thank you to everyone who shared with us such beautiful images. We hope these photographs will encourage many other dog lovers to capture images of their dogs and be inspired to enter next year's competition."

The Dog Photographer of the Year Competition is run in support of the Kennel Club Charitable Trust, which is making a difference for dogs by funding a wide variety of

work ranging from supporting research into canine diseases to welfare initiatives and the promotion of support dogs; all of which give dogs healthier and happier lives.

Said Caroline Kisko, Kennel Club Secretary, “This is such a fantastic competition because it allows anyone who genuinely loves dogs to capture a special moment with man’s best friends and share that feeling with others. The diversity of the categories demonstrates the large part that dogs play in so many people’s lives and in society as a whole. With the competition supporting such a good cause as the Kennel Club Charitable Trust, it really is a great way for people to show their love for dogs.”

For further information about the Kennel Club Dog Photographer of the Year competition please visit www.dogimages.org.uk. Further details about Discover Dogs 2008 can be found at www.discoverdogs.org.uk .

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- The Kennel Club Charitable Trust – making a difference for dogs.
- Through its grants programme the Trust is able to fund a wide variety of work ranging from scientific and research grants to welfare initiatives, all of which aim to give dogs healthier and happier lives.
- The Health Foundation Fund aims to develop new DNA tests for inherited conditions.
- The Trust promotes the benefits of dogs to people.