

Spotted hyenas (*Crocuta crocuta*)



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Animals Behaving Badly

These spotted hyenas at Sunset Zoo in Manhattan, Kansas, had little respect for Sartore's clean, white backdrop. Sartore only had a few minutes to photograph them before they ruined the background.

Australian walking stick (*Extatosoma tiaratum*)



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Stay Put!

This Australian walking stick at the National Aquarium in Baltimore, Maryland, had no intention of keeping still. It hopped onto Sartore's camera lens.

ALL IN A DAY'S WORK

National Geographic photographer Joel Sartore set out to photograph every captive species on Earth—as many as 25,000 animals. No one said the job would be easy, though.



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What is Photo Ark? Photo Ark is a National Geographic conservation project. Its goal is to create portraits of every animal species in captivity. National Geographic hopes that the wonderful photos will inspire people to care about the animals and want to protect them. natgeophotoark.org

Dwarf caiman (*Paleosuchus palpebrosus*)



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Keep Your Distance!

To get the shot, Sartore needs to get close to his subjects, but not too close. This dwarf caiman at Sunset Zoo in Manhattan, Kansas, was ready to move.

African penguin (*Spheniscus demersus*)



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In the Box

To capture some images, Sartore uses a soft, white, lighted box. Sometimes it gets a little crowded. There almost wasn't room for both Sartore and this African penguin at the Monterey Bay Aquarium in California.