

Take The Jeanne Carley Ferret Calendar Challenge!

The 2009 Jeanne Carley Ferret Calendar offers amazing ferret photos and tests your knowledge of popular movies.

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January

The correct answer is C. E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial.

The image was inspired by the 1982 movie directed by Steven Spielberg that starred Henry Thomas, Drew Barrymore and Dee Wallace.

Jeanne Carley remembers, "Angus was one of the sweetest ferrets I ever met, and he just looked the part here. I originally had a street scene as a background with houses behind the boy and E.T., but my graphic designer suggested an aerial view. I think it looks great. The perspective on the boy and ferret is really believable, part of the hard work I do to get it right."

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February

The correct answer is A. Aladdin.

The image was inspired by the 1992 animated movie from Walt Disney pictures. Robin Williams provided the voice of the genie.

Jeanne Carley remembers, "I had to watch the movie again because it is so funny. I'd forgotten about the armbands so had to make those last minute from gold ribbon to have the ferret wear them, which was not easy. But the most difficult prop was the small genie lamp. Fortunately, after a search on the Internet, I found the perfect one."

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March

The correct answer is D. The Cat In The Hat.

The image was inspired by the 2003 movie adapted from the Dr. Seuss book. It starred Mike Myers, Dakota Fanning and Spencer Breslin.

Jeanne Carley remembers, "Thankfully this little guy's owner could sew! She helped fashion his outfit, and it looks great. The fish tank was of course way too big, so I had to scale that down in Photoshop. This little ferret's expression is priceless, and that is something you cannot buy!"

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April

The correct answer is D. Star Wars: Episode VI – Return Of The Jedi.

The image was inspired by the 1983 movie written by George Lucas and Lawrence Kasdan. It starred Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford and Carrie Fisher.

Jeanne Carley remembers, “This angora ferret was my inspiration for the Ewok in this shot. I had a terrific forest background that I zoom-blurred in Photoshop. I had to use a half lampshade to make his cruiser, there just wasn't anything ready-made. I also had to buy a toy and break off the handle bars to add to my lampshade cruiser, which I hand-painted in cammo for the perfect effect. The Ewok outfit was also made by hand. Thankfully those little guys did not dress all that fancy, and I was able to make [the costume] myself with felt and buttons.”

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May

The correct answer is B. Dances With Wolves.

The image was inspired by the 1990 movie directed by and starring Kevin Costner.

Jeanne Carley remembers, "I loved photographing these guys as silhouettes. I think they look great, especially the tiny baby ferret looking up at the screen. I also turned some photos from my May Pole shot years ago into lovely dancing silhouettes for this shot. Since I cannot sew, the curtains were pinned, there's not a stitch anywhere in that scene, just lots of straight pins."

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June

The correct answer is B. The Mummy (1932).

The image was inspired by the 1932 movie The Mummy, which starred Boris Karloff. It was directed by Karl Freund.

Jeanne Carley remembers, "This is Angus again who was so good to let me cover him in vet wrap. Of course I did have to entice him with some snacks. The small sarcophagus props I found for the background were just terrific and even included a small mummy. I made the 'cave' using a special textured material from an art shop that I then sculpted and painted."

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July

The correct answer is C. Patton.

The image was inspired by the 1970 movie starring George C. Scott.

Jeanne Carley remembers, "The hardest part of this shot was finding the tiny US Arm helmet! G.I. Joe stuff is just too small, but this turned up on eBay so I bought it. It was the perfect size for Tazzy who did the perfect Patton pose."

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August

The correct answer is D. Jurassic Park.

The image was inspired by the 1993 movie adapted from a book by Michael Crichton and directed by Steven Spielberg. It starred Sam Neill, Laura Dern, Jeff Goldblum, Joseph Mazzello and Ariana Richards.

Jeanne Carley remembers, "These little guys were photographed years and years ago, and the little cages said 'Circus' on them. The expression on the last one's face told me I had to put something really scary behind him, so I went on the hunt for T-Rex and found a great toy model. I did rotate his eyes downward so it looks like he's really fixated on the little ferret."

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September

The correct answer is B. Top Gun.

The image was inspired by the 1986 movie starring Tom Cruise, Kelly McGillis, Val Kilmer and Anthony Edwards. It was directed by Tony Scott.

Jeanne Carley remembers, "Fortunately I found a background shot with Navy planes not Air Force ones. There's no way I could have had a better Tom Cruise pose than what I got from this little sable in his flight jacket. He looks the part, very cocky."

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October

The correct answer is C. GhostBusters.

The image was inspired by the 1984 movie directed by Ivan Reitman that starred Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd, Harold Ramis and Sigourney Weaver.

Jeanne Carley remembers, "The toughest part of this shot was the pose. I really needed this ferret's face and hands to be in certain positions, so I had to use three different parts of the same ferret from three different shots. Often I'll use parts of one shot in another, but generally it doesn't take three to get one. In this case it did, but he's taken the perfect pose for Ghostbusters."

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November

The correct answer is B. The Wizard Of Oz.

The image was inspired by the 1939 movie that starred Judy Garland, Ray Bolger, Jack Haley and Bert Lahr.

Jeanne Carley remembers, "Fortunately I have a friend that owns all three of these perfect little models, and you really do need a silver mitt for the Tin Man, a chocolate for the Lion and a sable for the Scarecrow. The lion's mane was originally strips of felt, but he looked too Rastafarian, so we went with the terrific feather boa my friend brought. The Tin Man's hat is a small funnel painted silver."

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December

The correct answer is A. How The Grinch Stole Christmas.

The image was inspired by the 2000 movie adapted from a Dr. Seuss book and directed by Ron Howard. Jim Carrey starred as the Grinch.

Jeanne Carley remembers, "I love the expression on this little guy's face and the way he's holding the town in the globe hostage. He was the perfect Grinch. Though he was white, Photoshop turned him green!"

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