

**Objective:**

Animal husbandry is the agricultural practice of breeding and raising livestock. It has been practiced for thousands of years, since the first domestication of animals. In this assignment I would like you to mate together 2 to 4 different animals. I don't want to see the dirty work, so just bring me a photograph of their offspring. You will do this twice over – create two new animals each using at least two, but no more than four, different animal species as parents.

Your goal is to make the blend as seamless as possible. We're talking nature photography here, not collage. Create two new animals using at least two but no more than four animals. Make sure your creatures look believable and natural.

Problem solving will be paramount. Advanced Photoshop techniques you may need to incorporate: Color Swapping, Layer Mask from Channel, and or Layer Blending Mode Changes. Name your layers, keep different elements on different layers, and work nondestructively

Do your own photography or find images online. If you choose to find images online, be sure to only use hi-res images.

To put together a good composite you need to pay attention to:

- Image Size (Resolution)
- Image Sharpness
- Image Grain or Noise
- Perspective & Angle
- Color (Color Temperature of lighting)
- Color Saturation
- Light Quality (Soft or Hard)
- Shadow Direction
- Brightness (Exposure)

**Expectations:**

How clever can you be?

How seamlessly can you pull it off?

You are expected to be using **layer masks** and **adjustment layers** to make your compositions as seamless as possible! Remember this is an advanced class and you should be working to an advanced level.

**Submitting:**

1. Name your un-flattened PSD working files with Proj\_2\_ then your first initial than underscore then your last name, then an underscore and a sequence number. It should look similar to this: Proj\_2\_J\_Ramirez\_1.psd

Proj\_2\_J\_Ramirez\_2.psd

2. Submit your properly named un-flattened PSD files to BlackBoard before the assignments expiration date.

Be creative. Please ask any questions for clarification. If you are confused about anything it is better to ask than to guess.

You will have two weeks to complete this project. Late projects will drop a full grade (an A will become a B). Projects are absolutely due by the end of class on the last day of classes before finals week.

