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BROOKE BUTLER WINS FOCUS ON FISH HEALTH PHOTO CONTEST

Ties to Win Most Impressive Catch Category

In a sentence muskie doesn't need a cap

Both Brooke Butler and the 34-pound muskie were surprised when they met. She was just reeling in the line to clean weeds off of it, and the fish apparently was just interested in gulping some artificial crane bait. "I felt a pull on the line," she recalled, "So I started struggling to get it in."

"It was Muskie fishing opening day," Butler of New Matamoras, Ohio, says, "And, I was really happy." Her husband, Sam Butler, who snapped the shot of her with the fish was happy for her, too, she adds. That photo tied to win *Most Impressive Catch* in the U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA/APHIS) Focus On Fish Health photo contest. The photo will be featured on the www.FocusOnFishHealth.org website through September along with this summer's other monthly winners.

According to Butler, "It's not easy to catch a Muskie. They are called the fish of a thousand casts." Of course, she let the fish go. "Our club, Muskie, Inc., insists we do that," she notes.

Butler's husband, Sam, has been fishing for more than 20 years. She just started five years ago along with their daughter, Delaney, 14, who also has caught a Muskie.

The USDA sponsored Focus On Fish Health campaign, which targets recreational boaters and fisherman with information about preventing the spread of fish diseases and invasive species, sparked Butler's interest, because, "We love the outdoors and want to keep our lakes and waterways clean."

Contestants can submit photos at www.FocusOnFishHealth.org to enter the contest. New winners are announced every month.

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