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Suzanne van de Laar - Fetish Photographer

Her life consists of contrasts: mother of a family but also a photographer of women giving birth as well as providing precious mementos to families, grieving during the funeral of their loved ones. Acting as a creator of nature series and so constantly looking for the connection between the beginning and the end. Therefore, for Suzanne switching from taking pictures of deer antlers to a boy, living his puppy-fantasy, is a very logical one.

Her presentation is different from others but Suzanne finds it important to be and remain close to herself and tries to find uniqueness within her topics.

People, who live and breathe their fetish, often take the road less travelled and for Suzanne these amazing individuals are the most interesting to photograph. Purity and self-respect are the common topics when Suzanne takes her one-of-a-kind pictures in the BDSM world.

Suzanne recently exhibited her “Waterbears” series in Amsterdam, where she portrayed bears taking a shower. In Zandvoort she portrayed her series: “Hear, see and be silent”, in which bondage played a crucial role.

Suzanne is actively involved in the “Leather Friends Netherlands” community, both as a photographer and juror. Here she also can express her own leather fetish but also in the gay bear community, Suzanne has earned their respect and is well known by her pet name: “Mother of the bears”.