

10 Pet Photography Tips

- 1.** All paintings are composed from photos of your pet. Digital photos are usually the best since they can be enlarged without too much distortion. If you don't have digitals, I can work from prints.
- 2.** Photographs can be e-mailed or mailed. My mailing address is located on the website under the Contact section. If mailing photos, please provide duplicate photographs that I can keep. That way if the photograph's get damaged during the painting process, they are not your only copy. The photographs can be mailed back with painting, but please make sure they are duplicates.
- 3.** Please provide as many photographs as possible. This way I can see your pet from many angles.
- 4.** Good lighting is extremely important on the photos as well. This insures I will have the correct colors of your pet for the painting. Shadows in the photos can distort the actual coloring of your pet. It's difficult to create a great portrait from a shot that is blurry or deeply shadowed.
- 5.** Taking good face shots is important. Make sure to send as many face shots as possible. Use excellent lighting & shoot at eye level showing clear eyes. Getting close ups of the face will capture the expressions, markings and face shape of your pet.
- 6.** If your pet refuses to sit still and pose, you can use a leash or hold her. I can work around hands or leashes in the painting.
- 7.** The best photographs are usually in natural, outdoor light (no flash and not in direct sunlight). Flash photography or direct sunlight can wash out colors in the photos.
- 8.** If you only have an indoor picture, (of a deceased pet, for example), go ahead and send it (make sure it is a copy!).
- 9.** I can combine several photos to work from. If you send more than one example, let me know which photograph best captures the personality of your pet or I will let you know my opinion.
- 10.** If you would like a painting with multiple pets, it is not important to get both of them in the same photograph (but if they are in the same photo this is OK too)

I hope these tips help. I will do the rest to create a beautiful painting for you.