

Photography Info

An important part of creating your pet portrait is drawing from the right photograph. My aim is to create a detailed and realistic drawing that you will be able to treasure. The better quality your photograph is the better your finished portrait will be as it will allow me to capture the details and character of your pet. Unfortunately, I will not be able to work from blurry photographs - please feel free to email me your photos and I will let you know if they are suitable.

When photographing your pets, it is best to try and take it in natural lighting (however not direct sunlight as this will create unnatural highlights/shadows and artificial light will alter the tones of the fur and eyes). It is also more effective to take the photo at the same level as your pet with a high-resolution camera, without flash. If you are wanting a multiple pet portrait, please send me separate photographs of each pet, and I will put them together in an effective composition on the page so that the portraits work well together. If your pet has sadly passed away, please do not worry- send me as many photographs as you can and I will look through them to check if they are suitable for me to work from before accepting your commission. Please contact me for any other advice on photographs and commissions - my advice is always free.

Examples of good photographs

- Flattering camera angle – on the same level as your pet
- Good pose and composition
- Pet is in focus and not moving- allowing for a sharp, detailed image
- No camera flash
- Good natural lighting showing the true and natural colours of your pet's fur and features



Examples of bad photographs

- Unflattering camera angle
- Pet is moving – action shots create a poor pose and composition as well as making it hard to see the detail and features
- Photo is taken too far away from pet so unable to focus on detail
- Camera flash creating red or glowing eyes
- Poor quality of lighting – not enough lighting, as well as artificial and direct sunlight alter the natural tones of your dog's features and fur, creating unnatural highlights/shadows
- Pet has closed or squinting eyes

