

How to photograph your pet:

When it comes to photographing your pet to make the best possible painting, here are a few easy to follow guidelines.

1. **More is better.** If you have an assortment of pictures, send them all. *My paintings are not a copy of a photograph.* I want to get to know your little buddy. The multiple shot burst setting on your phone works really well for me. **Dogs don't sit still and pose, so we need many shots to choose from.**



2. Turn off the flash. Natural light is best. If you have an indoor cat, use the light of a window and a tripod or rest your elbows on something stable. Which brings me to #3:
3. Take the photos outside if at all possible. Get a few where pooch isn't looking into the sun. Squinting is just as unflattering to them as it is to us. If she's squinting in a few, it's okay, take some on an overcast day.

4. **Stand so the light is coming from one side or the other.**



5. Get in close. **Stand face to face with Scruffy.**
6. Kneel or lie on the ground. Or they can be standing on the bed or on a table. If the picture is inside, have your animal near a window.



7. Standing on a counter with sunlight coming in might be a good choice. Smartphone photos are fine.
8. **Still not comfortable?** I'd be happy to photograph your pet. I do charge an additional fee for a sitting.