



Fine Art Pet Portraits



Pet portraits are a wonderful way to memorialize a cherished pet for you or a loved one. My pet portraits are created in a realistic, yet artistic style and are based on your personal photos. I am happy to work with you to create a pet portrait that showcases your pet's personality and captures their spirit.

PET PORTRAIT GALLERY

Pet Portrait Sizes and Pricing

Your photos will be used to create the portrait. The photos must either be taken by you or provided with a written copyright release by the photographer. They are painted using professional grade oil paints on canvas or hardboard panel. Artwork prices are for unframed pieces. Frames can be included for an additional fee. Below are common sizes and prices for pet portrait art commissions. Complex backgrounds and additional subjects may require additional fees. Shipping is based on rates by USPS or UPS with insurance. A deposit is required to book all commissions.

	8x10	10x10	9x12	12x12	11x14	16x16	16x20	20x20
Head Portrait	\$185	\$195	\$195	\$225	\$225	\$245	\$265	\$295
Full Body				\$245	\$245	\$265	\$295	\$315
Additional subjects	Add 50% for each additional subject (i.e. multiple pets in same painting)							

Contact me and I'll be happy to give you a quote for additional sizes.

How Does It Work?

- 1) Choose some reference photos (see photo reference guide below)
- 2) Choose what size artwork you prefer (see common sizes and prices above)
- 3) Email me your photos, size preference, and any background suggestions
- 4) I will create a mockup of your artwork and share it with you for approval
- 5) Once we agree on a layout, I will let you know the total price of the commission and an approximate date for completion
- 6) If we agree to proceed, I will email you an invoice for the required deposit to book your commission
- 7) Once the deposit is paid, I will confirm the approximate start date
- 8) I will email you the week I start your commission to let you know if we are on schedule and provide updates as the work progresses
- 9) After your artwork is complete, I will email you with photos for your approval. Minor changes can be made at this time
- 10) Once the final artwork is approved, I will email you an invoice for the commission balance
- 11) After the balance is paid, I will deliver your artwork if you are local or ship it and email you the tracking number

More info can be found on my [FAQ page](#). Still have Questions? Email me at barbara@bteusinkart.com.

BOOK YOUR PET PORTRAIT

Pet reference photo guide

A guide to help you find and take the best reference for your custom pet portrait

As a realistic pet portrait artist, I rely heavily on detailed reference photos to accurately represent your pet. The more detail, the better able I am to render a more realistic painting. Below are some tips in taking and choosing a reference photo for your pet.

CAMERA

You do not need to have a fancy DSLR camera to take a good photograph of your pet! Most iPhones and Androids can take fantastic photos, if taken in the right lighting. Of course, if you do have access to a DSLR or a friend who has one, feel free to use it!

LIGHTING

Turn off the flash! A flash will make a photo look flat and oftentimes will give the subject red-eye. Instead, use natural light. Take your photos outside on a cloudy day. Indoor pets can be photographed in a well-lit room by a window. This works well for cats that like to bird-watch out a window.

ANGLES

Take photos of your pet at eye level from about 4 feet away. This will provide the most flattering pet portrait. Looking down on your pet tends to make their head appear large and their feet appear small. Make sure your pet is either looking at you or just past your shoulder. Ideally you want to be able to see both eyes. Also make sure your pet fills the frame and isn't cut off or too far away. Bust shots (head and chest) make excellent pet portraits.

Don't Panic!

You don't need to be a professional photographer to take good photos of your pet. All you need to do is recognize the difference between a good photo and a bad photo and follow the tips above. Sometimes it just takes a bit of patience. A treat goes a long way in getting a pet to cooperate! Getting a friend to help can make it easier too. Have a little patience and you will be rewarded with a good photo! If you are still unsure, you can always email me at barbara@bteusinkart.com.

What I Look For In a Good Photograph:

Detail in the Nose and Fur

Details in the photo are what let me incorporate details in the painting - which will provide a realistic 'living' feel.



Reflections in the Eyes

The eyes are the window to the soul of us all. To capture a good likeness, the eyes are key. A reflection in the eyes gives them life and gives the dimension to the eyes.



Examples of Good Photographs:

These pet reference photos show good fur detail and a good reflection in the eyes. They are also all taken at eye level. Any of these would make excellent pet portraits.



Common Problems:

These are some common issues with pet portrait reference photos. It is very unlikely that these photos like these would lead to a good pet portrait.

Blurry/Dark



Blurry/Green Eye



Bad Angle/Lost Detail



Too Far Away



Poor Contrast/Lost Details



Holding Pet/Bad Angle



If you have any questions, feel free to [Contact Me](#) and I'll be happy to help!

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