

# Prepare Photos

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TIP. The better the photo the better the painting.

Good photos are important as this is the only way I can see how to paint your pet.

Following are some useful tips in preparing your pet photos...  
Photo Tips:

- A digital camera with atleast 4 mega pixels is best.
- Take close up shots of the head as well as full body shots.
- When framing your pet, make sure you are down at their level as this looks best (photos shot looking down, forces them to look up).
- Take several shots to increase your chances of getting a great shot.
- Best to shoot the picture out doors but not in direct sunlight. Bright overcast is ideal.
- Don't use the FLASH, it only makes things look unnatural.
- Only use FLASH photography or shoot in direct sunlight, if your pet is dark skinned or has dark fur.
- Try to pose your pet on the 3/4 angle, looking towards the camera with their head turned.
- Does your pet have a favourite pose? Wait for them to do this and snap the shot.

Prepare Photos to Upload:

- You can submit your photos online via the File Upload on the Order Form, or you can post them to Greg.
- Prepare your photos as above Photo Tips and then compress them with Winzip, or some other compression software.
- Locate the zipped file and upload. See FAQ for more info.
- Please be patient when submitting the Order Form as your photos, depending on the size may take a while to upload. There is a 10 mb limit on the size for the zipped files, so please check size BEFORE adding to the order form and submitting.

Backgrounds:

Plain backgrounds are best as they focus on your pet and produce a more pleasing contemporary look'n'feel. Don't worry about the background in your photos this can be changed when Greg does your painting. If you have a particular background that you would like for the painting then you can discuss this with Greg when you supply your photos.

Need Photographic Assistance?

You can find a local professional photographer through the ACMP website by clicking this link. Greg can also suggest a very good photographer if you would like to contact him.