

How to Provide The Best Reference Photo For Your Pet Portrait

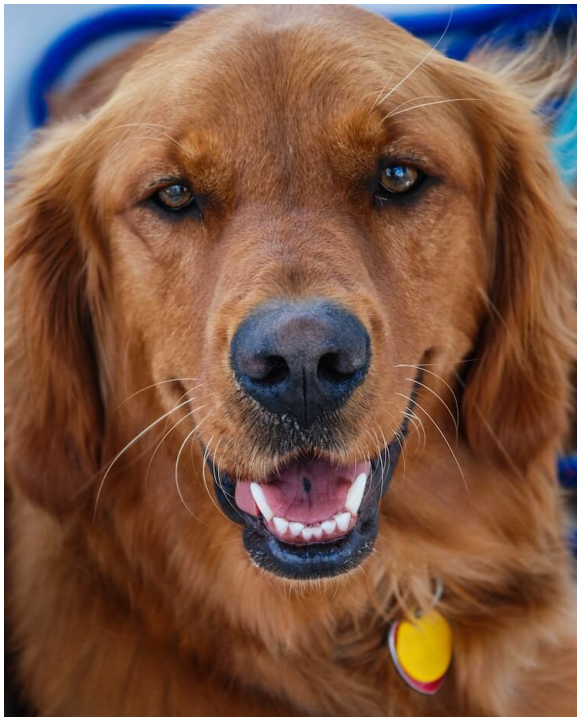
First off, thanks for ordering a pet portrait, I'm so excited to help you honor your furry friend! Here are a few do's and don'ts to provide me with the best possible reference photo for your custom drawing.

1. Resolution

Don't provide a blurry photo, please! **Do** send a photo with the highest resolution possible. Take a photo with a camera or a smartphone (use portrait mode and tap to focus for a smartphone). I've even had clients get photos professionally taken, but that's not necessary. Ideally the photo should be at least 72 pixels per inch, or 300 dpi.

Example:

Do



Don't



2. Angle

Because I'm adding additional elements to your portrait, such as mountains and rivers, I need your pet's photo to be a particular angle. **Don't** take a photo looking down at your pet. **Do** take your photo down at the level of your pet.

Example:

Do



Don't



3. Photo Composition

Don't send a photo of your dog hidden in a landscape, I'll just have to zoom in and crop it and it'll lose resolution. **Do** send a headshot down to the chest, with no ears cropped out (don't stress if they're a bit cropped, I'm good at guessing unruly ears)

Example:

Do



Don't



Those are the most important things to keep in mind when taking a photo of your pet to send me for reference! Don't be afraid to send me multiple photos, or ask for an opinion if you're trying to decide which is best. I've drawn a few hundred dogs, and I'd love to talk it over so that your pet portrait has the best reference possible. Questions? Email me at alysedietel@yahoo.com, or fill out a Contact Me form on my website, amilliontinylines.com

On the next page you'll find examples of my favorite reference photos I've been sent; they tick all the boxes I've listed above!

