

FAQ for your custom pet painting:

What materials do you use for your pet portrait paintings?

All pet paintings are hand-painted by me using professional grade acrylic paint on an acid-free gallery wrapped heavy duty canvas with 1.5 inch wood framed beveled stretcher bars. This allows me to paint the edges so you don't have to frame the painting.

What do I have to supply to you for your paintings?

I use your photos of your pet(s) for reference when painting. The best paintings come from good quality photos.

What makes a good quality photo?

High resolution digital photos are better than prints. In general close up, clear picture with no flash are best. A flash often drowns out the color and shadows which isn't good. So if possible always use natural light when taking the picture. Pictures taken at eye level with the pet are better than from above. Sit on the floor or lie on your belly and remember to shoot from their eye level. Make sure their eyes are in focus. Pictures that don't work well are where the pet is a small part of the overall picture.

What about the background of the painting?

The background is best simplified so it does not compete with the pet portrait. You can decide on a color scheme to match your decor, this is something we can discuss before I begin the painting. If you want to place your pet somewhere different than where the photo is taken that is ok too, especially if you have a photo sample of what you have in mind.

Can you take pets from multiple photos and combine them into one painting?

Yes, but it helps if the subjects in the photos are in the same quality of light. If you have at least one photo depicting the size ratios between the pets that would be helpful too.

How much are your pet portrait paintings?

Prices depend on the size of canvas you choose, complexity and how many pets are in the picture. Prices usually range \$300-\$700. I will provide you with a price quote once we discuss what you want to order.

How long does it take to complete my custom pet portrait order?

The turnaround time typically to complete a painting is 1-2 weeks.

Additional questions or to order a pet portrait please contact me: holly@2dragonsdesign.com