

## PET PORTRAITS

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Celebrate your pet with a portrait that captures their likeness and character for you and your family to cherish forever!



Blogs 2022 Oil on Canvas 12" x 16"

## **STEP 1- CHOOSING A REFERENCE PHOTO**

The first step in the pet portrait painting process is finding a good reference photo(s).

The best photos are the ones where your pet looks most relaxed. Good resolution and lighting is also important. Please make sure the photos are not overexposed or blurry.

Consider whether you would like just a head and shoulders portrait with a plain background or to include background details.

## **STEP 2- CHOOSING SIZE AND MEDIUM**

I paint in oils, acrylics and watercolours and draw with pastels and graphite pencil. With drawings you will have a size choice of A4, A3 and A2. With paintings the choice is greater as canvases/boards come in different shapes and sizes. The price guide below includes pre-chosen sizes. If you already have an idea of the wall space to hang your portrait and need a particular size to fit that is not listed below, I can provide an individual quote.

## **STEP 3- FINAL COST OF THE PAINTING/DRAWING**

The final price of the portrait will depend on size, medium and complexity of the painting/drawing (plain or complex background/number of pets in the portrait etc.) and framing and mounting options.

## **STEP 4- DEPOSIT**

Once we've agreed the final price, I will ask for a 50% deposit of the unframed piece cost before I start the commission. The up-front payment is necessary to secure the commission and place in line with other work booked. I will also provide an estimated timeframe for finishing the portrait.

## **STEP 5- FINAL APPROVAL AND PAYMENT**

Once your painting or drawing is ready, I can send you a photo before shipping for your approval. I will ask you to pay the remaining fee which will include any additional costs e.g. framing/mounting plus shipping payment. If I am delivering in person I am happy to accept payment once you have seen the portrait and are happy with it. If you have commissioned an oil painting please note it will take a couple of weeks to dry properly (depending on weather conditions and time of the year)

## **STEP 6- FRAMING (OPTIONAL)**

You can choose for me to present your commissioned piece mounted and framed or I can provide your portrait unframed for you to mount and frame yourself. For acrylics or oils on a pre-stretched canvas where the intention is to hang the unframed finished painting directly on the wall, I continue the background on all 4 edges of the canvas. Should this be the preference the portrait will come ready to hang with strong framing cord and cushion corner pads.

## PRICES

Prices below do not include mounting or framing.

### DRAWING & WATERCOLOUR ON PAPER

Portrait Size	Graphite Pencil	Watercolour or Pastels	Scenic background
A4 (8.3" x 11.7")	£150	£220	£60
A3 (11.7" x 16.5")	£220	£340	£90
A2 (16.5" x 23.4")	£340	£500	£130

### PAINTING ON CANVAS

Canvas size (inches)	Acrylic	Oil	Scenic background
8" x 10"	£290	£350	£80
10" x 12"	£380	£450	£100
12" x 16"	£490	£570	£130
16" x 20"	£630	£720	£170
20" x 24"	£800	£900	£220

### **Additional pets on one portrait**

+20% of the portrait price for 1 additional pet

+40% of the portrait price for 2 additional pets

+50% of the portrait price for 3 additional pets

### **Framing & Mounting**

Your finished portrait can be shipped unframed or framed. As framing prices can vary depending on size, mount and glass specification, I will discuss options with you and quote as required.

### **Shipping**

Please provide your postcode for me to accurately quote for shipping.

If you would like me to personally deliver and present your portrait (UK), mileage expenses will be charged at 50p per mile.

### **CONTACT DETAILS**

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