

# PET PORTRAITS

What you can do to get the most out of your sitting, and help make your portrait with your pet the best it can be.



## HOW TO PREPARE FOR PORTRAITS WITH YOUR PET

### Step 1: Take your pet for a walk before arriving

Taking your pet for a long walk or some form of vigorous exercise before arriving will help get rid of any excess energy. Having a mellow and relaxed animal will make the portrait sitting move much more smoothly.

### Step 2: Wash your pet

Having a clean animal makes the portrait look more professional and intentional. A dirty animal can make or break a portrait.

### Step 3: Brush your pet

This step ties in with the previous. For short-haired animals this step may not be necessary, however for long haired dogs and cats, this is an important step. A scruffy animal can detract from the effort put into you or your family's nice, clean outfits.

### Step 4: Bring his or her favorite toy

Some animals can get anxious around other new people and places. Bringing items they are comfortable and familiar with may help to ease the anxiety.

### Step 5: Bring some of you pets favorite treats

When forced to do nothing for too long, animals' attention tends to wander. Having a treat entices their attention to the camera. Because pet's diets vary in need as well as taste, I encourage each owner to bring their own special treat