



Hello! And thank you for your interest in my work!

I would love to collaborate with you on creating a custom painting of your beloved pet! For your convenience, I have compiled some relevant information about the process below. If you have further questions or would like to place an order, please contact me at anna@artsofanna.com. I look forward to hearing from you!

PORTRAIT DETAILS:

Each square painting typically features a head-and-shoulders view of your pet set atop a backdrop color of your choice. If you are interested in something different, an alternative pose, larger canvas size, or custom background, please mention it in your initial inquiry. As long as it is within my ability, I will do my best to accommodate your request. Additional charges may apply.

All portraits are done with acrylic paint on stretched canvas. Final pieces are unframed, but fully painted on all sides for a finished look.

SIZE & PRICE GUIDE:

I currently offer three standard canvas sizes for you to choose from. The cost of shipping has not been included in the prices listed below.

The Sweetheart — \$128

8in x 8in. Perfect for an intimate close up of your furbaby

The Goofball — \$160

10in x 10in. Room for a larger personality to shine, or fits up to two smaller subjects*

The Attention Hog — \$192

12in x 12in. For a glamorous headshot of your fabulous pet

*Paintings featuring more than one subject are charged an extra \$25 per head.

SHIPPING:

Currently, shipping is limited to the United States only.

I charge a \$12 flat rate to ship all standard canvas sizes offered on my website. Non-standard size commissions, shipments of multiple canvases, or requests for expedited delivery will be charged extra accordingly.

All paintings are packaged and boxed personally by me with love and care and shipped to your door via UPS and USPS courier. Tracking information will be included so that you can stay on top of your delivery status.

Customers living in the Pittsburgh area are also welcome to pick up their paintings in person, in which case all shipping costs will be excluded from the final invoice.

PAYMENT:

A \$25 non-refundable deposit is required before I can begin working on your painting. This charge is meant to defray material costs and will be deducted from the final price.

Payment, including shipping cost, must be received in full before your completed painting can be sent out. You may choose to pay in advance or wait until after you receive a digital proof of your piece.

Acceptable methods of payment include checks, sent through regular mail, or credit and debit card via PayPal.

REFERENCE PHOTO TIPS:

My paintings are based off of the clear and close-up reference images that you provide. Below are some tips for capturing a beautiful photo of your pet with the idea of portraiture in mind.

The distinct colors and subtleties of your pet's fur are best captured under natural light. However, please be aware that direct sunlight may alter the appearance of some features, so it is best to wait for bright but overcast conditions. Also, try to avoid using flash, which can cause red-eye and color distortions. The exception to this is if your pet has a black coat, in which case bright sunlight or flash can help highlight the tones and textures that may otherwise be lost.

If possible, photograph your pet in the same pose you would like painted. Try going down to their level, as portraits usually look best from the side (three-quarter or frontal views) rather than from above. It helps to make your pet as comfortable as possible during this process, use treats and toys to catch their attention, or recruit a friend to hold them in place. If you have two animals it can be easier to photograph them separately. Because this is a painting, subjects can be combined and extra elements in the frame removed, as long as no important features are missing or covered up.

It is always good practice to take and send more than one reference image. Close up photos of eyes, unique markings, and accessories, are highly encouraged, as these really help distinguish your pet and lend personality to a painting. At the very least, please include an overall head-and-shoulders shot, taken from a reasonably close distance, that is not out of focus, color-filtered, backlit, or over exposed.

High-end digital cameras and professional photographers are by no means necessary for this process, most smartphone cameras are well equipped to capture the necessary shots. More than anything, remember to have fun, play around, and don't rush things.

TIMELINE:

Begin by emailing me with your name, contact information, and ideas. Feel free to tell me a little bit about your pet as well. Do you have a dog? A cat? Or perhaps some other type of animal? I would love to know their name and anything else you think may be relevant!

After your initial inquiry, I will be in touch ASAP to discuss details, such as size, color, and the submission of reference photos.

A \$25 non-refundable deposit is required for me to begin work on your painting. This amount is payable by check or through PayPal and will be deducted from the final price of your portrait.

I want you to be completely happy with the final product and will email you a digital proof of your painting before it ships out so that changes can be made should you feel the need.

After the final payment is received, your portrait will be carefully packaged and shipped to an address you provide.

Please allow 2-3 weeks for production, plus additional time for delivery.

Still have questions, or ready to get started? Contact me at anna@artsofanna.com.