



Daryl Frakes T/as Apache Revealed

Your portrait will only be as good as the reference used to draw it. Daryl review every photo for quality approval before accepting any order. Please read these notes and tips below for choosing the best images and the requirements for the portraits.

The pet portraits are done on an A3 Artboard in Prismacolors. For a custom solution just ask, Daryl works in a multitude of mediums from photography through to water colours so we can find the right solution for you.

What we need to get started is:

- your best contact details
- a few of your favourite images, Daryl will work with you to pick the best image
- If this is for a Pet Portrait your pets name, bred and colour
- your postal address for delivery of the works
- 30% deposit

Once received Daryl will confirm with you the perfect image and invoice before starting.

We will typically post progress shots on social media, please advise if you have an issue with this. We will personally email progress shoots through to you also.

Important Notes:

Daryl works primarily from one photo for the reference. Choose the photos you feel best describes the looks and personality. You may submit a few photos, and we can discuss them.

Selecting your images:

Selecting your favourite photos isn't as easy as you think, YES, your pet looks so cute in this photo on the bed, but is it something that can be drawn, does it show their full features, I know you love this Image and its awesome as a photo but for a portrait drawing should really look for their facial features.

Here's a few tips



Does anything obscure the face?



Is your pet looking at the camera?



It's clean and not just a memory you love?





A good photo is clean, clear, sharp and shows the facial details of your pets, However, there are exceptions to this if your beloved pet is no longer with us I will do the best to recreate the image also if that is what you really want to have as the portrait. But to get the best possible drawing this is what I look for in your photos.

Getting that photos, no you do not need to be a professional photographer, just hold a ball in front of the camera or ever better a treat that they enjoy, You'll get shots every time.

Sending your images:

It is always best to send the original image source for the best outcome.

This means if you took the photo off a camera or a phone chose that image, As if you choose the same image but saved it from social media the image will be blurry and the pixels are now down to 72dpi (very small) also when sending emails please don't reduce the file size as it is reducing the pixels size again making the image quality drop as well.

Scanning Photo Prints:

If you have some photos before the digital age and you'd like to scan your valuable photo prints so that you can upload it rather than mail it, here are some guidelines:

- If the subject in the photo is larger than 2 inches, scan at 300 dpi.
- If the subject is between ½ and 1 inch, scan at 600 dpi.

For a portrait of more than one subject, Daryl can use separate photos. However, we recommend that the photos have similar lighting and viewpoints. (*You would not want one photo outside, back or side-lit, and the other photo indoors with flash.*) The drawing will look more unified if the light comes from the same direction in all photos. Daryl will always do his best to match the image in my drawings.

