

# Studio Session Guide

Welcome! I am so honored that you've chosen me to capture the spirit of your four-legged best friend. A dog isn't just a pet; they are a member of the family, a constant companion, and a source of endless joy.

My goal is to create a relaxed, playful environment where your pup's true personality can shine through. This guide will walk you through exactly what to expect, from the first 'sniff-around' to the final shutter click, ensuring a smooth and happy experience for both you and your furry companion.

## Before We Meet: Planning the Magic

With your help, I'll gather all the details about your dog(s) - breed, age, colors and a little about the pup(s) personality. I also want to know what you're dreaming of for your final portraits. Once we have that sorted, we'll schedule your session and get them in front of the lens. Each session takes from 30-60 minutes depending on the number of pets and desired outcome.

## The Session

The "studio" is a rented space at local dog training facility. It will be a private, quiet space just for you and your furry family member. I will provide the address once the session is booked.

### What to bring:

- A brushed and clean pup
- Bring along their favorite treats (non-crumbly works best)
- Squeaky toys or anything that makes them tilt their head with excitement!



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## When You Arrive

Please arrive a few minutes early so you can potty your dog.

- Check-in: Before bringing your dog inside, pop in for a quick hello! We'll chat for a moment to make sure everything is ready.
- Making an Entrance: Once we are all set, go ahead and bring your pup in on a leash. If you are bringing more than one, bring each pup in one at a time. Even if we hope to get a shot of multiple dogs, we'll start with one at a time.

## Getting Settled

New spaces and flashes can be a little bit surprising, so we'll take our time to make sure your dog feels comfortable.

- Explore: We'll let your dog sniff around and get curious while we keep the vibe quiet and calm.
- The "Flash and Snack" Game: While you and your pup are at a distance, I'll trigger the flash. Every time it goes off, you give them a treat! This teaches them that the light means something delicious is coming.
- Getting Closer: Once they're happy and relaxed, I'll have you move a bit closer to the lights and repeat until they are ready for their close-up.



### A Note on Style:

Portraits often look most timeless with no collar at all, but if you have a special collar that is part of their "look", feel free to keep it on.

### Consider Bringing a Support Human:

Think about whether a partner or friend can come along to help with the posing of the dog. It's a team effort!

# Capturing the Perfect Shot

We want your dog to enjoy the "work," so we work in short bursts with plenty of rewards in between.

- **Finding the Light:** I'll help you find the "sweet spot" where the light looks best.
- **Striking a Pose:** I'll ask you to have your pup take a position center-stage or hop onto a prop. You'll give them a "stay" and move to help guide their gaze. If your pup doesn't have a "stay", we can gently encourage the stay using a slip-leash. This is where an extra set of human hands can really help.
- **The Magic Moment:** We'll get their attention, and I'll snap a few shots.
- **The Reward:** On my cue, you can release them for a big treat and a "good dog!" Then, we'll reset and try a few more.

## After the Session

**Review & Artistry:** I'll carefully go through every photo, selecting the best versions of each pose for you to look at. Once you've picked your favorites, I will perform a "fine art" edit to turn your selected photos into masterpieces.

**Your Digital Delivery:** You will receive your fully edited images in two ways:

- **Social Media Ready:** Perfect for sharing with friends and family online.
- **High-Resolution:** Professional-grade files perfect for printing and framing.

**A Note on Image Rights:** These photos are yours to keep and enjoy for any personal use - a shout-out or photo credit is always appreciated!

To help other dog lovers see what I can do, I may use an image of your pup in my portfolio to showcase my work.

