
Session Guide



What can I expect from a Dog Photography Shoot?

When you register an interest in booking a dog photography session, the first thing that will happen will be for you to fill out a form to tell us a little bit about your dog and about how you wish to display your images.

Once this form is received you can expect a phone call from me to follow up on your enquiry and to chat through the options and to find out the best location for your session. Our Location Guide is a good place to start when thinking about where you would like the session to happen.



The session:

All dogs are different, so the outcomes will naturally vary, but these are the the types of shot I typically cover:

1. Portraits and head shots
2. Environmental shots - the whole dog in various places to capture the location and environment.
3. Action shots - ball chasing, running, water shots - anything that captures your dog in action!

“My dog would never sit still!”

This is something I hear from almost every dog owner, but I have never had to abort a session yet! Years of dog ownership and working closely with dogs and their owners have given me the tools to be able to capture the images that you are hoping for. I take my time and work with the dog's personality and with their attention levels. We take little breaks between each set of images to allow your dog to decompress and to enjoy the environment. Here are some of the strategies that I use to get your dog's attention:

1. BRIBERY! Favourite treats and toys
2. A lead - having your dog on a lead is no issue at all. Preferably this will be a show type lead which is easier to remove in the editing.
3. You! - you as the owner will be my biggest asset during the session and you being near and reassuring your dog will help them to remain calm
4. A variety of silly noises - trust me, I have quite a repertoire!



Preparing for the session

In order to create the best chance of getting some amazing photos of your dog here is a list of some of the things to consider when preparing for your session:

1. Clothing - as we are going to be outside, prepare for every eventuality. Wellies and a waterproof are always advisable. If you would like to be in any of the images then soft, muted colours are best.
2. Grooming - if you are planning to get your dog groomed prior to the session then this is best done a couple of days before. Too much excitement in one day could be a challenge!



3. If your dog is very active or excitable, a walk beforehand may be beneficial, but not too near to the session as it may be tricky to get 'tongue-in' shots!
4. A hungry dog is an obedient dog - so it may be worth delaying their meal to increase their attentiveness!
5. Favourite treats and toys - these are invaluable attention-grabbers.

What happens after the session?

After the session I will select and edit the images and prepare a slideshow for you. This usually takes around a week. We will discuss a time and place to meet to view the images and to discuss product options. You will receive our price list in advance, and you will get the opportunity to view samples and discuss options during the reveal consultation.

If you are considering Wall Art options such as framed prints or gallery blocks then it is always helpful to have pictures or dimensions of the space in which you would like to hang your art work.

Albums will be designed by myself and you will be sent a proof to approve before the order is placed.

Once you have chosen your images and products I will prepare the images and send to the lab.

Orders will be fulfilled within 4 weeks of ordering.



Any other questions?

My aim is always to provide the best quality service and product. Your dog is part of the family and I want you to have the very best work to display in your home.

If you have any further questions or if you have any particular requests then I would be delighted to hear from you. Please do feel free to call me on 07980 259533 or to drop me an email: poloimages1@gmail.com.

I very much look forward to hearing from you! Melissa 🐾

