

Why I do what I do

Simply put, I do this because I love dogs. Something I realized along time ago was I draw and paint because it is apart of me and it's something that I need to do for a release but the subject matter of a dog is something greater. Doing a painting of your best friend is the most enjoyable and personal way to bring what I do to a wide variety of people.

How do I get one of your stunning masterpieces of my beloved pooch?

All you need to do is contact me by phone or email and we will see if an in person meeting is a possibility. Ideally I would love to meet every dog that I do a portrait of but I realize that this isn't always possible so we can discuss what you have in mind for your portrait. Do you want something fun and unique like the picture of "St. Nola" or would you prefer something a little more traditional like the "Nola at Sunset"? Nothing we do has to be boring like the majority of dog portraits you see available; you truly are bound only by the imagination.

How do you work?

Because of the level of detail involved in my portraits I work exclusively from photos. I never use one shot and then try to duplicate it to paper I find this the quickest way to get a bad portrait. Instead I use a composite of a few different pictures to bring out the best in your dog. Photos can come from me if possible or I can work from a few shots of your own (we can discuss what works best later).

Technique wise I first paint the paper with one of two kinds of watercolors, either traditional or gouache (an opaque watercolor). Then I do the initial drawing and add details with pastels and pencils until the result is the pictures you see represented here.

How could I possibly afford something soooo beautiful?

I'm not trying to sound like "Crazy Eddie" but my prices are so low it's insane! A picture like "Nola at Sunset" at 14" x 14" with a simple background would cost you \$600 dollars (plus shipping). While a full personalized portrait of your best friend like "St. Nola" at 17" X 15" is only \$800 (plus shipping). I know it sounds too good to be true but these are the REAL prices.

What if I hate it?

You don't pay a penny and I return the 50% deposit that gets me started. After crying uncontrollably for a week straight I will then donate the picture to the annual Monterey Bay SPCA charity auction.

How long do I have to wait before my portrait makes me the envy of my friends?

Usually two to three weeks is standard based on the amount of work I have at any given time. The holiday season is a little longer so call or e-mail for exact times.

Do you travel?

If you pick up the expenses I will go anywhere (even Michigan) with pleasure.