



CRYSTAL MURPHY ART

ARTIST STATEMENT

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Through my work, I seek to honor the unique life and energy within your pet to preserve your joyful memories forever. My hand-drawn portraits are created in my Vermont home studio, with assistance from my rescue-dog side-kick Elsa.

PORTRAIT COMMISSIONS PROCESS & POLICIES

My portraits are 100% hand-drawn - each mark is intentionally made to capture life and energy within your pet. I do not use any automated processes, software or photo editing techniques in my art and each piece takes 10 (+) hours to complete. Your archival quality portrait can either be matted in black or white.

Getting Started: to request your custom, hand-drawn animal portrait, please complete [THIS FORM](#). Once I have received your form, I will send an email to follow up, outlining the following, next steps.

Reference Photos: To accurately capture your pet, I work from reference photos you provide to create your portrait. At least 3-5 high-resolution, close-up images are required (*with additional photos appreciated*)! For multi-pet portraits, I am happy to accept separate photos of the animals and I will blend them together in one composition. I will reach out with any questions on proportions, etc. When submitting your photos, please note any/all markings/details you want included in your portrait. This is very important to know before I start on your portrait! By reference submitting photos you are hereby granting Crystal Murphy to utilize the photos to create your portrait. (Please do not submit photos you do not have ownership rights to!)

Payment/Deposit: Once I have received your reference photos, and we are both comfortable moving forward, I require a 30% non-refundable deposit to confirm your spot in my books. I accept [Venmo](#) and [PayPal](#) and will email confirmation of your payment. The remaining 70% payment is due when your portrait is finished.

Timing & Proof Process: Once I have received your deposit and reference photos, I will get to work on your portrait & send you a preliminary proof for feedback. If necessary, small modifications can be made, after which changes are no longer possible. Portraits take approx. 2-4 weeks to complete and proofs are typically sent 5-10 days (*after reference photos*)

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and deposit has been received). Timing may vary during high-volume periods (e.g. during the winter holiday season). Please let me know at the time of booking you need a portrait to be completed by a certain date, and I will do my best to accommodate.

Final Steps:

I will send you a picture of your final art with a black and white mat so you can select the color. Once you've chosen your mat, I will archivally mount and mat your portrait, secure in a protective, plastic dust cover, package in a rigid mailer, insure, and ship with USPS (portraits will not be mailed until final payment has been received). I will keep in touch throughout the process and send you a tracking number once your portrait is on the way.

TERMINATION

Your satisfaction is incredibly important to me. In the event you have approved the preliminary proof, and choose to terminate the commission project anytime between the proof approval, and final art stages, there will be an additional 20% fee to terminate (in addition to the non-refundable deposit) and artwork will be retained.

COPYRIGHT & REPRODUCTION RIGHTS

All portrait commissions include copyright as a condition of the commission/sale. I (Crystal Murphy) retain exclusive ownership of the copyright and reproduction rights of my artwork. As the copyright owner I (Crystal Murphy) have the exclusive right to reproduce the copyrighted work or to authorize its reproduction.

CREDITING THE ARTIST

Permission is required before sharing artwork on social media or otherwise. Crystal Murphy (IG @Crystal.Murphy.Creates) should be tagged & referenced on all approved sharing platforms.

THE FINE PRINT: All portrait bookings are subject to artist availability, timelines and policies. All portrait commissions & sales include copyright as a condition of the commission/sale. I (Crystal Murphy) retain exclusive ownership of the copyright and reproduction rights of my artwork. As the copyright owner I (Crystal Murphy) have the exclusive right to reproduce the copyrighted work or to authorize its reproduction. Gift certificates (GC) are non-transferable, non-refundable, and cannot be exchanged for cash. GCs are valid for 12 months from purchase date. GC # must be shared when booking a portrait & all portraits are subject to normal timelines & policies. (Crystal Murphy) is not responsible for gift certificates that are lost, stolen, destroyed or used without permission.

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