



WHEN TO PHOTOGRAPH YOUR AGING DOG

A heartfelt guide to planning a session
that honors your dog's life and legacy.

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WELCOME

Do you have an aging or sick dog and are wondering when and how to photograph them? You are not alone and this guide will help you with that process. I call these sessions Legacy Sessions and they are designed to celebrate the love you share with your dog. Your dog has been with you through so many phases of your life and this is a session to honor and remember them.

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10 TIPS TO KNOW BEFORE PHOTOGRAPHING YOUR AGING DOG

Tip 1: Don't wait until it's too late

Book your session before their energy or health begins to fade. Capturing them while they still feel like themselves is always better.

Tip 2: Choose a comfortable meaningful location

Does your dog love running on the beach, or are they more of a trail loving soul? A location where they are comfortable will help them feel more relaxed.

Tip 3: Schedule during golden hour

All of our sessions occur just before sunset. The softness of this light creates the best portraits.





Tip 4: Include things they love most

Consider bringing a favorite toy or blanket to help them feel comfortable and to help you remember some of their favorite things.

Tip 5: Expect a gentle, flexible approach

We meet your dog where they are and these sessions allow breaks and lots of time to snuggle. Your dog doesn't need to do anything other than be themselves.

Tip 6: Plan to be in the portraits

Legacy sessions will include both portraits as well as lifestyle portraits. Your bond is important and is what makes the portraits more meaningful.



Tip 7: Print your photos, you will be glad you did

There is nothing quite like the impact of a printed product. Whether it is a portrait on your wall you walk by everyday or an album showcasing your bond, these printed products become treasured items.



Tip 8: It's ok to cry, laugh and everything in between

This is an emotional experience and your love, tears and laughter are all welcome in this safe space.





Tip 9: Talk about your fears and wishes

Whatever it is that you are worried about or would like to capture, I am here to guide you through the process and support and honor your vision.

Tip 10: This is about love not perfection

Don't worry if your dog won't sit or stay, or if they are having vision or hearing issues. This session is about being present with them and meeting them where they are with love and compassion.

Reach out today and we can start planning how to best celebrate the love you share with your dog:

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