

Frequently asked Questions about Pet and Family Portraits

Will we meet you before we book?

Yes, It is crucial that I meet new clients before any booking, so that they can look through some of examples of my work, ask about my range of products and services and express more clearly their vision of the kind of images they want.

Are you an insured and qualified professional photographer?

Yes, It is important that I operate legally and professionally which is why I hold both a full professional Public Indemnity insurance with “Photoguard” and professional certification in Higher Education, recognised by the Royal Society’s Licentiateship award. I also have a current enhanced CRB which was approved for my role as a community volunteer.

How many images do you usually capture during Portrait Sessions?

The quantity of images will depend upon the amount I shoot on the day and therefore upon the duration of the booking and the number of costume and set changes involved. I work in a purposefully fluid and intuitively way by which I can usually capture upwards of 50 images in an hour. Never firing off at random subjects, my sole focus is to capture images which reveal some special qualities of my sitter which will surprise and delight them.

Will my images be in High Resolution ?

Yes, I use Nikon Professional FX Cameras and lenses, and always shoot to the equipment’s highest quality. I always supply all viable images in HR and LR. The reason for this is that the client can acquire images formatted specifically for print and images for screen.

How large can I print to?

As a rule the files to print images are formatted to 42 cm at the longest edge x a max width of 29.7 cm or A3, this is for two reasons.

Firstly that they are in JPG 360 dpi format and s-RGB colour space, so that you can expect the best optical resolution and faithfulness to colour in C-type colour printing no matter who you choose to go with for your printing needs.

Secondly, that where a selective enlargement is necessary, the proportion of that enlargement will dictate the resolving range of the final file.

Can we have our images in Black & White?

I also offer as a separate service, a few styled variants of my images in a small range of speciality colour and Monochrome. If you do require a print larger than 42 cm at the longest edge x 29.7 cm (A3) this would require additional post production interpolation of the image and is part of a separate service (See Commercial Prices and Rates/Post Production and Manipulation).

How much and how often can we print from any Discs we purchase?

As long as you look after your Discs and handle them with care, the data will last a good few years. Please note that they are right protected and meant only for your personal use, not for resale. Additional copy Discs can be purchased either at the time of your booking or later, as I carefully archive all my work including my digital negatives. I retain the original data files and all copyrights which you will be granted licence as the commissioning client.

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Do you provide a contract?

I absolutely never undertake any commission, whether it is for a portrait, wedding or any other services or products without a mutually signed contract.

It is essentially a safety net to any honest and professional trade in goods and services. It sets out in detail everything to do with the agreement into which we enter together and signed by the party raising the order/commission (you) and the agent being commissioned (me). Payment would not be either taken or accepted until this has been agreed and signed, or ratified until payment has cleared. An invoice/receipt will be provided upon request.

Will I have my own gallery on the Web?

Yes, It takes a couple of weeks to edit, re-touch and proof the images before I upload them to into a clients gallery for viewing. As soon as they are published and I have run a test validation, I will post you the password to the gallery where, your family and friends can then use this facility to make direct purchases of prints up to A3 size, and all current print prices will be displayed there.

You can also create your own mini-books for your coffee table or as a memento for a friend.

If you wish to commission me to design a Special Photo Book, you can begin the process of choosing the ones you would like to have in it. I will of course put all images onto a proof disc for you as well.

How many images will my Photo Book contain?

That will depend on the size of the Book, the number of images to a page, whether they are single or double page full bleed (borderless) or part of a montage of tiled or varied format into a layout set against a decorative background. In 20 pages/40 sides, a Photo book may hold 30 to 40 images. However, be mindful of the combinations of images may spoil the overall feel of the book so I would always try to guide you towards choosing the best alternatives. Unlike a Wedding Book it would not necessarily follow the session sequence of the day, but then that may not be what you want.

Further details on Photo books price List PDF are available on the Weddings Price list PDF doc.

Would you create a Portrait of my Pet Snake 'William'?

Absolutely, I am up for a challenge and game for any creature that means I get to use my extra long cable shutter release thingy, though I admit that animal handling is of course something I always leave to the pets owner. Otherwise, I have no particular preferences as I like all animals.

If there are any points I have not raised in these pages, please feel free to email me and where it is applicable to my services, I will add it to these pages.