Doggy Doodle Reference Photos
I produce my pen & ink drawings from your photographs and to get a really good drawing I need a really good photograph. This is because the better the photograph the more details I will be able to see and include in the drawing.

What makes a good photograph?
Most people take photos using their phone. The cameras on phones are continually improving and can produce fabulous photographs. However, they are not always good enough to draw from. This is because phones usually default to a small resolution to give you small files to store. You can however, alter the settings on your phone to take a higher resolution photograph (refer to your user manual for individual phone instructions). The bigger the resolution the better for me – see below.

Resolution
The reason the resolution is so important is that I need to be able to zoom in to see all the tiny details. In particular, the eyes and nose are very, very important to show all those expressions that make your pet so special to you. I need to zoom in to see all these details clearly and get them just right. In small file sizes when you zoom in the file will pixelate as shown in the picture on the right.

Large resolution   Small resolution

Tips

- Photos taken at your pet's eye level (as above) are great for showing all the details and the twinkle in their eyes.

- Your pet should be looking directly at the camera or to one side so their face is shown in full

- Make sure that the image is in focus and not blurry – a tripod or stand can help with this or rest your hand/arm on something

- Photos taken outside in natural daylight are good but try to avoid direct sunlight which can wash out colours

- Keeping pets still long enough to photo can be tricky – bribes are always a good idea as are helpers and a quick trigger finger! If it's not working one day, wait and try again another day. It's better to get it right so keep trying.

Contact me
If you need any help or have any questions about photo requirements, or for anything else, please contact me and I will be happy to help.