

# Tips for Photographing Your Pet

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The new trend for pet lovers is photographing their pets. We caught up with Professional Pet Photographer and owner of Cow Dreamz Photography, Michelle Pelberg, for some tips on how to photograph your pet.



**A pet in action makes a good photograph.** People often complain that their pet won't sit still for a picture and fail to realize that the pet in action can work for their advantage. You can capture your pet practicing their adorable habits by switching your camera setting to "motion."

**Use treats.** Treats will get your pet to look at you, and in turn, the camera. However, you have to be careful because sometimes treats make your pet want to be in your face. This can also be used to get good shots.



**Squeaky toys.** These can be used to get your pet's attention, or for cute shots of your pet playing with their favorite toy. Never be afraid to get them to play while being photographed.

**Diffusing red eye.** Often when people photograph their pets, they complain about the severe red eye caused by the flash. Put a Kleenex or transparent tissue over the flash to diffuse it. You can also set them in front of the window and use natural light, which will give the photograph a beautiful natural look.



**Play around with your camera settings.** If they are still and doing something cute, change your camera to the night setting to let in more light. This will give a different feel to the photograph.

**Photograph them where they are comfortable.** All of Cow Dreamz Photography is done on location at the home of the pet. When they are comfortable, they are more natural and it is easier to capture their true personalities.

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**Be Patient!** Not every shot will turn out perfectly. In fact, probably less than half will turn out the way you wanted. The more agitated you get, the worse the photograph will be. Have fun with your pet, and sometimes photographs that you weren't necessarily going for happen to be your favorite ones.

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