Inspiration for Taking Blissful Pictures of Your Dog
Finding Your Inspiration

Have you ever seen a photograph of a dog that made you stop and take a longer look? Did you sigh, wish you could take pictures like that and forget about it?

We’ve provided you info on how to find your dog’s unique spark, how to plan and execute a photo shoot, how to use your phone to capture great shots and some tips on fun, creative ways to store and share your images.

So, what’s next? How about some inspiration photographs showing a whole lot of photographs of dogs? Check the next few pages of photos out and gather any ideas that pop into your mind for your dog’s photos.

You’ve got all the tools you need to stop wishing, get inspired and start clicking!

FYI: These photos were gathered from a dozen or so photography resources and the depths of my computer files. Some are professional pictures, some are amateur, the hope is you’ll find inspiration from them to create your own perfect photo. The picture below is one I snapped of Cinnabar with my iPhone. I used Portrait Mose and started playing with the settings. I was blown away by how much that photo could be improved within the iPhone and I did not have to open Photoshop! I am inspired all over again and can’t wait to take more pictures!

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The MOST important source of inspiration for painting ideas is our own lives... and what we like most. (Jack Dickerson)

Blissfully,

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When I’m inspired, I get excited because I can’t wait to see what I’ll come up with next. -Dolly Parton

This series of bliss books shares tidbits, tips and hints on how to capture your dog’s essence in a photograph, how to organize the photos and more.

We offer four free Blissful Dog booklets in this series. Download them all and enjoy!

Blissful Dog Inspirations (This PDF) shares 200+ images and info of, yep, dogs to inspire your photography journey.

Taking Blissful Dog Photos covers the nuts and bolts of planning and executing a successful photo shoot with your dog. This one is a must-have!

Capturing Blissful Memories shares prompts and templates for ensuring you record milestone events with your dog. It includes milestone prompts of events to record, templates to record the events, digitally or with pen and paper and more.

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200+ photos of canine inspiration lie ahead! Enjoy!

Rather than clutter the images with my pithy observations (or ramblings as my husband says), I’ll cover a very few points here.

Utilize the four classic levels; Eye-Level, Within the Shot, Bird’s Eye View, and Worm’s Eye View. Concentrate on Eye-Level, Bird’s Eye and Within the Shot for most dog pictures.

Capture the obvious; shoot a Basset or Bloodhound’s ears, a Beagle sniffing a trail (pages 10–11), a Lab in the water (page 19) or a Boxer running (page 11). Of course, great shots can happen when you capture a dog doing the unexpected. The ecstatic Chihuahua tearing along at full speed (page 14) or Brussels Griffon using a Leonbergerx as a step-stool (page 13) are sure-fire winners!

The juxtaposition of big and small is a classic wonderful picture, such as the Irish Wolfhound and Tibetan Mastiff with children on pages 18 and 30 and my own dogs on 13.

An unusual angle or focus captures attention, see page 19 the close-up of a Lagotto Romangola’s paw. That ball of curls (that I envy for my hair) could be an ear, their back, anywhere!

Pugs are one of those breeds you would have to try to get an unflattering shot. But still follow our flat-faced photo tips for the best shot possible. You’ve surely seen the images of the two Pugs wrapped up in shawls on the bottom right of 22. I saw those pictures everywhere; ads, blog posts, memes, on-line in every imaginable context during the pandemic. It seems we all needed a hug and those Pugs reflected our need for a bit of comfort.

Yes, pages 30–31 have obvious pro shots on them. The Weimaraners on the log and in the boat up top are stunning images that capture the breed’s essence. On page 31 that Yorkshire Terrier against the blue sky is everything in a photo, to me. The Xoloitzcuintli photographed on black on page 31 looks like they were sculpted! Non-pros can get a similar vibe using a black sheet/backdrop and natural lighting.

Hopefully these images will inspire you, as they did us, and you’ll be taking your photography skills to new, exciting and share-able levels!

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Inspiration – Golden Retriever puppy napping with his fave toy is a classic shot. Note the peach pillow and aqua-ish blanket are complimentary colors that perfectly set-off the cream colored Golden. Even the toy’s eyes are a tone of the aqua. To get this shot have the bedding ready and when puppy is ready for a nap tuck them in and pose the paw. Move back quietly and snap a few shots in Portrait Mode if you have an iPhone or whatever method you like on your phone. You may not get this exact shot, but you’ll get your own perfect version!
**Inspiration** – Golden Retriever enjoying a sweet hug from his new favorite human. The only trick to making this shot work is to keep both the dog and the child happy. What a great shot from the softened natural background to the two posed on the path (metaphor for all sorts of paths crossing, right path vibes) to the child’s soft colored clothing. They are focused on each other, which works perfectly! This is one time when you don’t need them to “Look at You.”
**Inspiration** – This Pembroke Corgi is completely exhausted after a wonderful of chasing their ball. The Bird’s Eye View is what makes this snap. We’re loving the tone-on-tone with the Corgi’s coat and the hardwood floors. Note the colors in the ball.. the dots of soft orange pull in the colors of the dog and floor and take the shot to Next Level Dog-Gone Great!
Inspiration – Here are three generations of family, plus the pampered Pomeranian, together for the first time in a while. This would be an occasion that would warrant having someone, even a friend, come over to take a few pictures. If not, use your volume button on headphones on your phone to snap the shot. An inexpensive tripod would make it super easy, but in a pinch prop you phone up, make sure it’s focused and go for it. As soon as I typed that I realized this shot would warrant having someone else take it!

PS – My only other suggestion would be for everyone to be wearing solid colored clothing and throw a solid sheet over the sofa.
Have Fun Taking Blissful Dog Photos