

w h a t t o w e a r

Clothing should compliment you, not distract from you! When it comes to clothing that will photograph well, simple and understated is key. Avoid large earrings, necklaces, belts etc - the focus should be YOU!

The rule of thumb when deciding what you and your family will wear to a portrait session: Lay everything that everyone will wear during the session out on the bed. If one article of clothing jumps out on the bed, it will also jump out in the photograph. Please feel free to send a snapshot of what you're planning on wearing for further input from the studio consultant.

C L A S S I C

Please bring one long-sleeved black shirt and dark blue jeans. Solid colors - particularly jewel tones like ruby, emerald, and cobalt - photograph beautifully. Pair with dark slacks or jeans, and dark colored shoes. Remember: avoid white under-shirts and white socks.

Additionally, bring a long-sleeved white shirt and lighter pair of pants. We will use this outfit when we photograph against lighter backgrounds.

C A S U A L

Your photography should reflect who you are everyday. We recommend bringing an outfit change of a favorite outfits: jeans, sweaters, shorts, fun tops. Again, we encourage solid colors and avoiding bold patterns (or text on fabric).

Q U I C K T I P S

Bring accessories! Your favorite sunglasses, jewelry, jacket... a musical instrument, sports equipment, team memorabilia, etc. + No haircuts the day of the session! + Sunburn is a valid reason to reschedule a session - keep out of the tanning booth. + Layer your clothing to maximize your outfits. + Make sure to wear nice-looking but comfortable shoes... and bring a pair of funky high-heels.

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Client Print Name(s) _____

Client Signature _____ Date _____

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Statement of Consent (where applicable):

I am the parent or guardian of the minor named below and have the legal authority to execute the above release. I approve the foregoing and waive any rights in the premises.

Minors: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

p o r t r a i t u r e q u e s t i o n n a i r e

Name _____ Phone _____ Session Date _____

What is most important to you about this session? Why are you choosing to get professional portraiture now, at this particular point in time?

Most people assume a family portrait is simply posing and smiling at the camera. But we'd love to capture something more storytelling and "real" to show how you feel about each other. In addition to the standard poses smiling at the camera, do you want to try something more creative?

Imagine many years from now. What memories and feelings would you want this portrait to portray?

What are the most important elements for us to capture in this portrait?

Are you a more "huggy" family, or more separate and independent? Young families can be portrayed connected, touching, and clinging to one another. Older families are often portrayed as together, yet self-sufficient. Which would you feel is more appropriate for your portraits?

Please describe other specific visual ideas you envision, such as "close-ups" or "black and white" etc.

Describe any special circumstances or needs of which we should be aware.

Where in your home do you plan on hanging your portrait? What are the colors in the room? What size is the wall, and what do you feel would be an appropriate size for a portrait to hang there?

donate to our lost dog rescue

All donations go to benefit the Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation: www.lostdogrescue.org

FOR DOGS

- Collars - All Sizes
- Crates - All Sizes (*plastic or wire*)
- Biscuits & Treats
- Chew Toys (*Nylabones, Rope, etc.*)
- Dog Beds
- Stainless Steel Bowls
- Baby Gates - for fosters
- Towels & Blankets
- Bandanas - pink & blue

No dog food please!

GENERAL SUPPLIES

- Paper Towels
- Large Trash Bags
- Disposable Plastic Gloves
- Disinfectant Cleaner

FOR CATS

- Carriers
- Cat Food (*any kind*)
- Cat Treats
- Toys
- Small Litter Boxes
- Litter Scoops
- Litter
- Towels & Blankets
- Cat Beds
- Bowls - Food & Water

OFFICE SUPPLIES

- Carriers
- Pens
- Stamps
- Clipboards

All clients who bring in a receipt of donation will receive a FREE set of fine-art wallets with their purchase (a \$50 value).

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Below is a partial list of vendors whom we have worked with in the past, and whose services we personally endorse.

HOTELS & RECEPTION LOCATIONS

WASHINGTON DC METRO AREA

Phoenix Park Hotel, DC
Morrison House, Alexandria
Hotel Monaco, Alexandria
Henley Park Hotel, DC
Hamilton Crowne Plaza, DC
Hyatt Regency, Reston
Hyatt Regency, Dulles
Sheraton National, Arlington

CALIFORNIA CENTRAL COAST

Monterey Plaza, Monterey
Chateau Julien, Carmel
Portola Plaza, Monterey
La Playa Hotel & Spa, Carmel
Clos la Chance Vineyard, San Martin
Lover's Point, Pacific Grove
Carmel Valley Ranch Resort, Carmel
Carmel-by-the-Sea Ocean Avenue Beaches

EVENT PLANNERS

Simply Chic Events
by Jamie Sears
Stellar.Sassy.Social PR
by Elle Denise

DJ's & BANDS

Davis DeeJays
DreamDay DJs

MAKEUP ARTISTS

Melvinia Williams
Ana Merces
Julie Hussein

Please contact the studio to request contact information.

Many of these vendors have specials for our clients - please let us know who you'll be contacting!

recommended pet vendors

DOG BOARDING

Woofs, Shirlington

Dogtopia, Alexandria

DOG WALKING

KSR Pet Care, McLean

TRAINING & OBEDIENCE

Woofs, Shirlington

LOCAL SHELTERS

All 4 the Animals

Lost Dog & Cat Rescue

Greyt Expectations Greyhound Rescue

Animal Welfare League of Alexandria

Animal Welfare League of Arlington

VETERNARIANS

Alexandria Animal Hospital

Caring Hands Animal Hospital

Ballston Animal Hospital

SPECIALTY DOG STORES

Barkley's Square, Alexandria

AKA Spot, Arlington

Olde Towne School for Dogs, Alex.

DOG GROOMING

For My Friends Pet Spa, Alexandria

For Pet's Sake, Alexandria

AGILITY

Woofs, Shirlington