

5 TIPS FOR GREAT PHOTOS



1. Get a friend (or two!) to help!

WHAT ARE FRIENDS FOR, RIGHT?

Sure, sometimes you get lucky, and get a great shot of your horse in the field, but it's best to go at it with purpose. Three is the perfect number – one to hold the horse, one to distract the horse (ears up!) and one to take the shots!



2. Pick the right day and time!

SUNSHINE ON MY SHOULDERS MAKES ME HAPPY!

If you want to show off your horse's shiny coat to its best advantage, pick a sunny day, but avoid high noon when the sun is directly overhead. The nicest light is usually in the morning before 10am, or after 4pm in the afternoon. Make sure the sun is behind you!



3. Take lots of photos!

BURSTS ARE YOUR FRIEND!

The more photos you take, the better chance you have of getting the shot you love. Make sure the horse's head is up, and take a variety of angles – profile, three-quarter, head on. Take close-ups of eyes and special features that are unique to your horse. And use the burst feature on your camera to get eyes open and ears up!



4. Zoom in!

UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL!

You know those cute cell phone pics we all take where our horse's nose is huge, stuffed in the camera, and the ears are tiny tiny? They make crummy portrait references. Stand on the same level as your horse, stand back a little, and zoom in to correct lens distortion.



5. Don't hesitate to hire a pro!

YOU WON'T REGRET IT!

You will always cherish having great photos of your horse. Just be sure to get written permission from the photographer that the photos can be used as reference for a painting! If you're within an hour's drive, I include a photo shoot for my Tribute portraits.