

# PLANNING GUIDE

for your dog's  
photo shoot



The most important thing when planning your dog's photo shoot is that they should always feel **comfortable and happy**

Are they  
safe and secure?

Do they feel relaxed  
and at ease?

Are they happy and  
can have fun?

The location is vitally important when planning your shoot.

**Ask yourself:**

- Does it need to be in an enclosed area?
- Does it need to be far from a road?
- Does it need to be quiet with not many other dogs or people?
- Does it need to be close to where we park?



Where does your dog enjoy themselves **THE MOST?**





Once you have figured out where your dog will be comfortable and happy you can then turn to think about what sort of setting you would like for the images - that is, unless it isn't already obvious given your dog's likes and dislikes.

## MONTHLY PLANNER FOR WHAT TO EXPECT OUT ON-LOCATION THROUGH THE YEAR

### DECEMBER JANUARY FEBRUARY



SUNSETS  
Approx 4-5pm

THE WINTER MONTHS can be a bit sparse on the pretty flowers and foliage front, but on the other hand beaches look the same all year round. The obvious issue with beaches is the colder water so if your dog loves to swim perhaps wait for it to warm up a bit. Places like Dartmoor in Devon look amazing in the winter, a bit moody and dramatic. Yes it's colder in the winter but some of the skies take some beating and locations are often much quieter than in warmer weather. Plus you have the bonus of dog beach bans being much less common in winter. Sunrise shoots a lot easier too!

### MARCH APRIL MAY



SUNSETS  
Approx 5.30-9pm

THE SPRING MONTHS (in theory) are when it feels a bit warmer and things start to grow again. I like this time of year because flowers start to come out and parks start to look a bit more interesting again. Deciduous trees start getting their leaves again and countryside locations look a bit more lush. Beaches are of course still great locations in the spring. The added benefit of this time of year are the later sunsets, meaning I can meet people after work in the week. My shoots generally take place either at sunrise or a couple of hours before sunset.

### JUNE JULY AUGUST



SUNSETS  
Approx 9pm-7.45pm

THE SUMMER MONTHS are mostly a lot warmer so we have to think about dogs not overheating. I generally meet people a couple of hours before sunset, so this is generally not a problem but it's an important consideration. I love the wild flowers in the summer and with the warmer waters dogs can have great fun in rivers and the sea. Everything looks pretty lush but it's just very, very bright for most of the day so it's important to meet in the evening to get the best light. Places are a lot busier and there are more crowds/dog beach bans in place so less flexibility there.

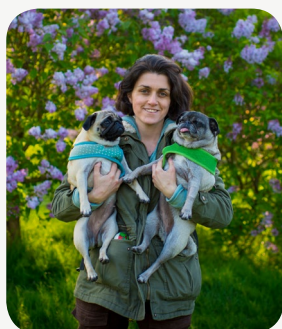
### SEPTEMBER OCTOBER NOVEMBER



SUNSETS  
Approx 7.45pm-4pm

THE AUTUMN MONTHS means kids back in school so locations a lot quieter. Beginning of October usually means dogs are allowed back on most beaches so we have much more space to play with. It's less hot but the water still warmer. Woods really come into their own at this time of year with the oranges, yellows reds of the leaves. It's a beautiful time of year, really peaceful and beautiful but still fairly warm. Sunset times start to get earlier again and so flexibility in meeting people in the week, as well as weekends becomes less.

**THINGS YOU CAN GET ALL YEAR ROUND:** Beautiful sunsets and sunrises, lovely low tides with beaches full of sand, colour and interesting backdrops for your dog's shoot, safe places to play, a wide variety of location options, ME! (I work all year round).



**Now that you have planned your dog's photo shoot the next step is to get in touch with me and we can set a date!**

**I can recommend many suitable locations for your dog's shoot all over the country.**

**If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.**

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