

Easy Photography Tips

- 1) **Remove extra clutter** from the image. Check your surroundings – are there things in the image that shouldn't be in a photo?
- 2) **Focus on the eyes** of the animal.
- 3) Instead of zoom, **step closer** to the animal – this will allow a clearer image.
- 4) For outdoor photos, keep in mind **city bylaws and leash laws** and keep your pets safe:
 - ❖ Dogs are recommended to be shown wearing a collar and ID tag.
 - ❖ Cats outdoors should be in a safe environment (preferably in an enclosure/ catio or with a harness on) wearing a collar and ID tag.
 - ❖ Domestic birds and other small animals are recommended to be only photographed indoors.
- 5) **Grab the animal's attention.** Don't overuse it, make it a surprise and you'll get a better expression. The most exciting thing should always be in the direction of the camera. Use treats, weird noises with your mouth or a toy to attract the animal.
- 6) **Good lighting** – use windows and ensure that if you are outside the sun is behind the photographer. In low lighting, ensure you stabilize your camera with two hands or with the help of a stable surface.
 - ❖ For a good quality image, seek out good lighting as opposed to using the flash
- 7) **Keep your lens clean.** It's easy to forget that the phone lenses can get dusty (and slobbery), too!