



## Photographing Dogs

### Who is this course for?

This course is for beginners or intermediates who are keen to learn more about photography whilst learning how to take better photos of your beloved pet. You are welcome to join the course even if you only know the basics of how to use your Digital SLR or bridge camera although to get the most out of your time, if you are an Absolute Beginner, you may want to consider our Absolute Beginners course before joining us.

During this course, we will give you some basic tips on how to control your Exposure by using aperture, shutter speeds and ISO and in particular about how to manage light to give you the results you expect from your photos.

Dogs can be quite tricky to photograph so we will give you a range of tips and techniques to help you take great photos in a variety of settings from studio shoots through to on location.

We want you to leave the course feeling confident that you fully understand what all of the functions on your camera do, and how and when to use them correctly so we will give you plenty of time to practice and lots of one to one tuition.

To make sure that you get the most out of this course, we encourage you to bring your own dog although we do have our own dogs that you can practice on but we kindly request that your dog is well behaved and gets on with other dogs as we will be in a confined studio for some of the time. Unfortunately we cannot accept more than one dog per person to make sure that we don't disrupt other clients on the course but there is a kennels that offer doggy day care next door to the studio if you want to bring other dogs with you.

If you are interested in this course but you are worried about the behavior of your dog then we would be happy to arrange a one to one course with you if you would like to phone to discuss it.

Maximum group size: The maximum group size will be 8 people with 2 trainers.

Course duration: The course is 8 hours.

### What to expect

You will join us in Weaverthorpe at our studio for a 9.30am start and after some introductions, we will cover the following;

Understanding the main functions of your camera including how to control Exposure using aperture, shutter speed, ISO and their relationship with light.

We will look at how to use histograms and play back to get more predictable results from your photos and how to alter settings such as white balance and exposure compensation when you need them.

We will teach you some techniques on how to make your photos look better with some composition tips. We will also look at how you can use your camera's settings in challenging light situations such as low light.

We will spend the day taking photos of the dogs either outside on location or in our studio.

At around 4pm, we will head back to the studio in Weaverthorpe where we will download some of your photos on to the computer and pick your own 'photo of the day'. You will leave the course with tip sheets and you can contact us anytime for advice or just to show us how you are getting on with your photography.



## Things to know

### **What happens if the weather is bad?**

We aim to get out on location for all of our courses but if the weather is just too bad then we will work indoors instead and we have a range of indoor locations to use on stand-by. Even in the winter, we will get out almost every day!

### **What about food and drink?**

You will need to provide your own lunch and you can either bring a packed lunch or we can stop off at a local shop for you to buy something. We will provide snacks and hot and cold drinks throughout the day to keep you going though!

### **Transport to location sites.**

You will need to use your own transport to get to the location sites if you bring your own dog but all of the locations are close by and easy to access.

### **What do you need to bring?**

- Your camera with a fully charged battery
- Your battery charger or spare batteries
- Your camera manual (if you have one) - every camera is different so occasionally it is useful to refer to your manual
- Weather dependent clothing - Please check the weather forecast and come prepared! If it looks like it will be cold then layers are a good idea so you can take some layers off if you get too hot
- A tripod or monopod if you have one but don't worry if not as we have some you can borrow
- A blank memory card for your camera

### **Interested in booking?**

If you are interested in joining us for this course then please either email [info@yorkshire-wolds.org.uk](mailto:info@yorkshire-wolds.org.uk) or phone Tracy on 07866 606947 so that we can make sure that this is the right course for you and get you booked.