

Studio Talk

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Introducing the

Big Pet Series

Animals have a knack for mirroring human emotions – especially the animals we know and love. Whether our pets actually experience all we project on them seems unlikely – but they definitely have the power to influence our feelings – usually in the warm and fuzzy direction.



Big Beagle: Sausalito, oil on canvas, 24" x 30", \$990



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Rainbow Cat Window, oil on canvas, 30" x 24" \$990



Rainbow Cat:: Sausalito, oil on canvas, 24" x 30" Sold

I'd love to hear from you with your ideas for new Big Pet paintings. If you have a favorite pet or a favorite place – or even better, a combination of the two that you think would make a great Big Pet painting – please share your ideas and photos with me.



When Princess, a delightful black cat, came into my life a couple of years ago, I began to spend a lot of time watching her, and then I started to sketch her and paint her as well. What began as my fascination with one cat has developed this year into an on-going series of paintings of a very unlikely rainbow colored cat that captures the essence of my feline muse, as well as something more.

The warm glowing colors of the cats and dogs in my Big Pet series are symbolic of the emotional warmth and joy these animals bring into our lives. The surreal enlargement of the animals in various settings (Sausalito, San Francisco, a fantasy window, a tropical pool) is symbolic of the outsized hold they have over our hearts.



Tropical Cat, 1, oil on canvas, 24" x 30" \$990



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