



**SPECIALIZING IN THE** photography of pets on location, Jean Cornelius takes a close-up picture of Roger, a Great Dane. Jonathan Bailey photo

# PET'S BEST FRIEND

*Area woman focuses on her new venture: Pet photography*

**by Jonathan Bailey**

While Jean Cornelius can often be found at Green Lake events with a camera around her neck, snapping pictures for the *Green Lake Magazine*, it's her love for pets that has fueled a new venture.

Cornelius recently started Pawtography, a pet photography endeavor that specializes in pets on location.

Her passion for capturing animals dates back to when she was a child.

"Pawtography has evolved from my lifelong love of both animals and photography," Cornelius said. "When I was a kid, I used to take pictures of my family's two dogs, and I was further inspired a few years ago when my husband and I took in a stray cat. Pretty soon I found myself grabbing my camera to capture the personalities of other people's pets and strays I encountered."

In the past year, Cornelius has taken pictures of

more than 20 animals and worked with their owners from start to finish, providing a complete product.

Her fees vary depending on time and location.

Realizing that some pets and their owners prefer not to travel to have their picture taken, Cornelius decided to take herself to them.

"I photograph them in mostly natural light in the relaxed setting of their home or other locations where they are at ease," she said. "Pets are probably happiest surrounded by the familiar lighting, noises and scents of their everyday environment."

Based out of Ripon, Pawtography also provides customers with an end product of the owner's choice. She offers many options, which include photos up to 16-by-20, photo cards, photo books and calendars.

Cornelius also offers framing ranging from simple to ornate and even canvas wraps in less than



**JEAN CORNELIUS DOES** offers a number of different framing options, from simple to ornate frames and even canvas wraps.  
*Jonathan Bailey photo*

a week after the order is placed

While she has been able to make some money doing what she loves, Cornelius also has reached out to help pets at the Green Lake Area Animal Shelter.

"I feel sad when I think about homeless pets," she said. "I wanted to help the Green Lake Animal Shelter, and their clever fund-raising events got my attention. The shelter does a great job of carefully pairing pets with people, and I've taken pictures of some of the pets up for adoption there and included them on my website ([www.jeancornelius-pawtography.com](http://www.jeancornelius-pawtography.com)) for extra exposure."

Cornelius has donated pet photo packages in the past to the Green Lake Area Animal Shelter to include in their event raffles at fund-raising events, such as Lucky Dog CaTsino Night and Woofstock.

She plans to do the same for the upcoming dog walk Saturday, Sept. 18.

Since beginning Pawtography this year, Cornelius has enjoyed seeing the satisfaction that her pet photos have given people.

She believes that if a pet is truly a person's best friend or is considered part of the family, a photo will ensure that it won't be forgotten.

"A framed picture of a pet is a fitting tribute, fun conversation piece and great addition to other artwork in a home," Cornelius said. "The time we have with our pets usually feels too short, and a gallery-style custom print is the perfect way to delight in our pets forever."

If you are interested in having your pet photographed, Cornelius can be contacted at 920-229-1591 or e-mail [jeancphoto@gmail.com](mailto:jeancphoto@gmail.com).



**AFTER SPENDING THE** majority of her childhood taking picture of family pets, Jean Cornelius recently began taking photographs of other people's pets in a freelance hobby she calls Pawtography.  
*Jonathan Bailey photos*

