Taking great cat pictures

for your Project LUNI adoption posts

Mobile Phone Edition

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Pet photographer

Introduction: Kerstin

- Started volunteering for LUNI in 2018 by offering kitten photography for adoption
- Using a Canon R5 mirrorless camera
- Currently also doing a lot of (foster) admin work for LUNI, documents, behavioral advice
- Fostering (13 cats since Circuit Breaker)
- Starting vet nursing course internship – so less time

LIGHTING

- Use natural light!
- Take pictures near a window
- Do this on a sunny day when it’s bright
- Make sure the window is BEHIND you or at the side

Eye level

- Throw yourself on the floor ☺
- Or **get on eye level** with the cat by placing it on a couch or table

Background

- **Tidy up** your place before taking pictures
- Place the kitten in a spot with a **clutter free** background
- Use your phone's **portrait function**
- **Crop** away too much background

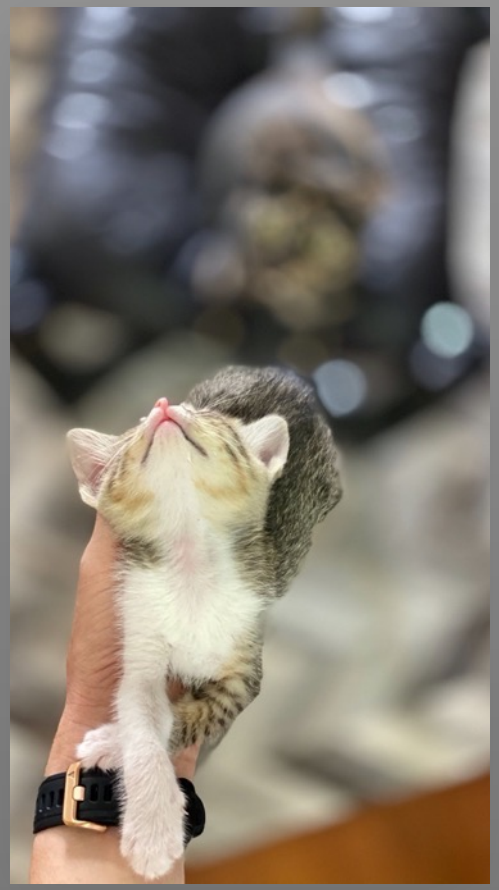
Attention

- If possible, get a partner to help
- Wave a **wand toy** near your camera
- Make unusually, **squeaky sounds**
- Use **treats**

“Make up”

- Clean up your kitten
- Remove dust
- Clean up eye area

Portrait function



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- Change F Value (1.4, 4.5, 11)

- Samsung: Portrait mode
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- Edit: can change effect

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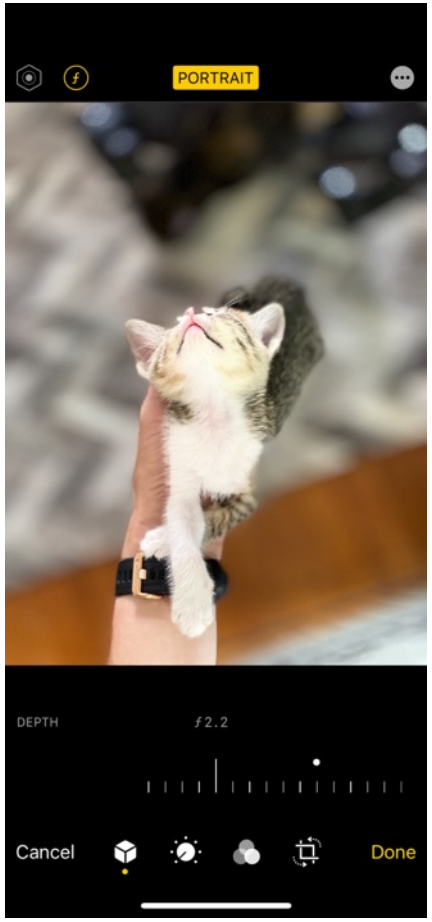

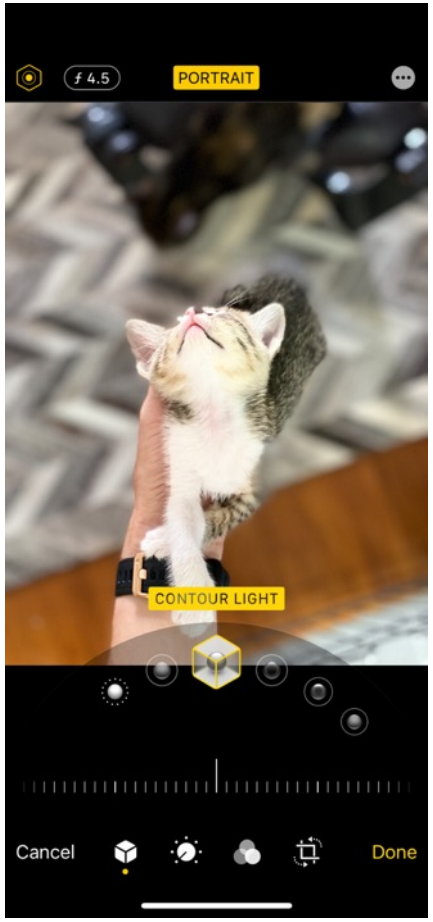

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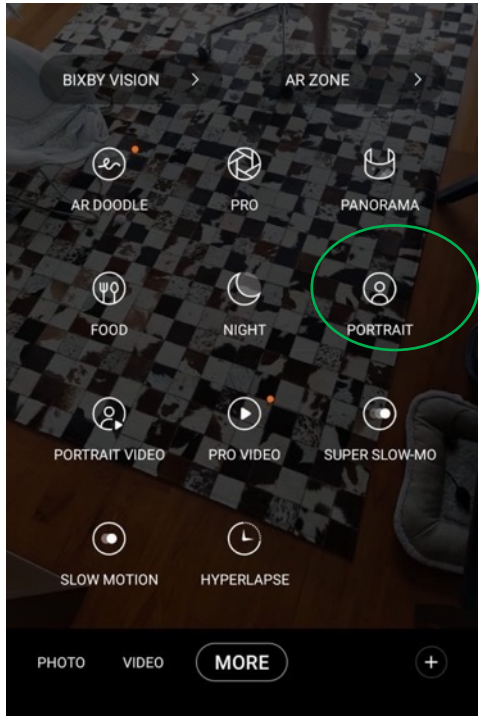

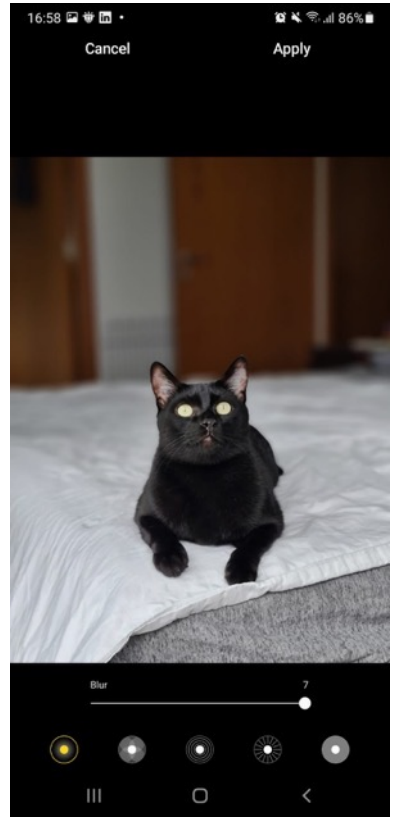

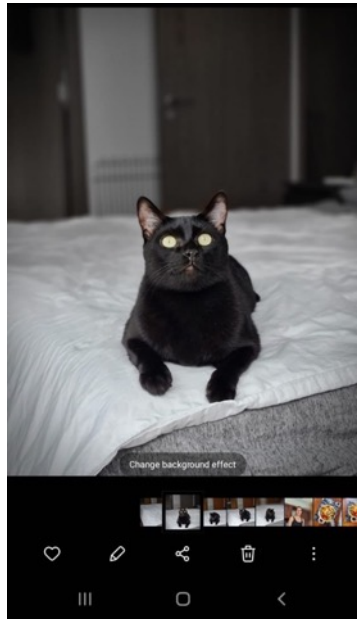

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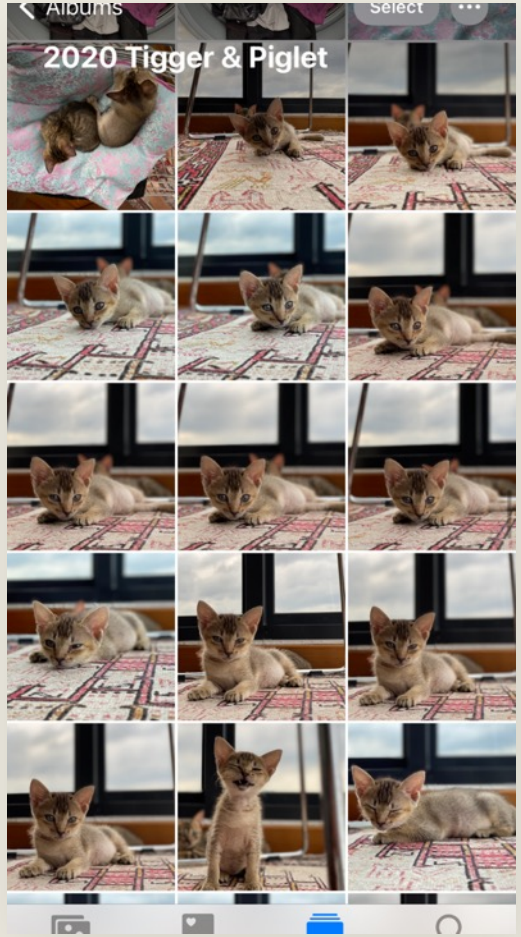

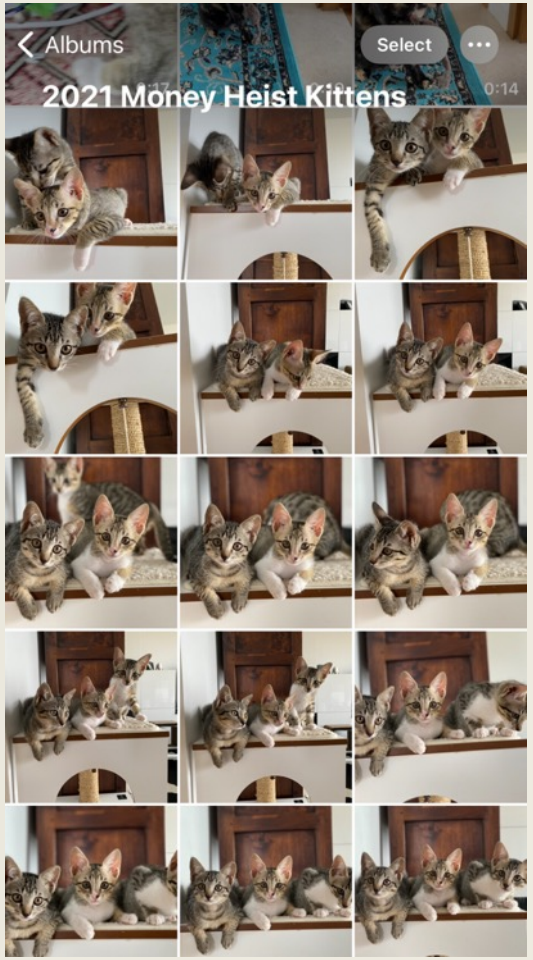

- Cats cannot run around all day
- Get them when they wake up or at the end of a play session
- Feed them a little treat (they have to stop to eat)
- Distract them with a toy
- Get someone to hold them for you
- Place their favourite basket in a sunny spot
- Snap many pictures at once

Questions? Inspiration?

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