



MARYLAND SPCA

Tips for Digitizing Artwork

Scan the artwork (best option)

Using a quality scanner is best. If you have access to a scanner that can scan 11" x 8.5" artwork and import them as high-resolution images, that is the best option to digitize your artwork. Make sure the image is at least 300 pixels per inch and saved as a JPG.

OR

Take a photo (if scanner is not available)

Lighting is critical to a crisp, vibrant photo. We recommend always taking photos in the daytime. Whether you're inside (near a window) or outside, sunshine will always be your best light source.

A camera's flash could make the light uneven. Instead, use consistent lighting and make sure the light is spread evenly across the artwork without any awkward shadows. More light will bring out the colors and detail of your child's art!

Keep the artwork flat and straight. Do not tilt the camera! If your artwork is curling up, use painter's tape to tape the edges of the artwork to the surface where you're taking the photograph. Make sure the tape doesn't cover the actual art. When taking the photo, center the artwork and keep your camera parallel to the canvas. That way, the image won't be distorted or captured at the wrong angle.

These tips will help your child's artwork look its best!

