

## Janet Michea Bio

*A bit about me:* I've always loved animals. Through the years ours has been the forever-home of many dogs and cats, plus other species both large and small. This love of animals has led me to paint pet portraits as a second career.

Previously I was in print production, graphic design and website design, all of which I thoroughly enjoyed. Now, however, producing custom painted pet portraits brings me greater pleasure by allowing me to develop my artistic talents to focus on beloved companion animals. I feel as though I know each beautiful soul by the time I've completed their portrait.

My studio is on beautiful Amelia Island, a barrier island in northeast Florida. My husband and I chose this as our retirement location largely because of the preserved areas that provide natural habitat for wildlife. Sea turtles nest safely on our beaches and their nests are monitored by trained volunteers. Amelia Island is on the Atlantic Flyway for migratory birds, as well as being on the protected Great Birding Trail of Florida. Several other barrier islands are easily accessed from Amelia Island including Cumberland Island, GA, with one of the largest maritime forests remaining in the U.S. [Click here](#) if you would like to learn more about our area's ecosystem and the vital importance that it be protected.

I was previously employed by Kennesaw State University for 13 years, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for 22 years, with several years of self employment in between.