

New From AKVIS

AKVIS Draw 1.1

AKVIS has just released another wonderful new program for digital photographers. This one is called **AKVIS Draw** and it shares the same general interface and usage characteristics that we have found in the majority of AKVIS titles we have looked at. Like the other AKVIS titles, AKVIS Draw is available as a stand-alone application **and** as a plug-in to a photo editor, like Photoshop or Ps Elements and is available in versions for Windows and Mac. The program can be downloaded in the form of a fully-featured 10-day free trial from the AKVIS website so you can try before you buy. The price of the program varies with the type of installation and the end use. During the trial period you can try all options and choose the license you like. Non-commercial license for stand-alone or plug-in is \$50 and both together is \$80. Commercial license for both together is \$90. The functionality of the program depends on the license type.

The program comes with a huge library with **28 Presets** and appears to work best with images that do not have a busy background. The rendering tends to smooth out blurred backgrounds and accentuate the crisp image in the foreground. The Presets are further modified through the use of eight sliders that control image features and two general controls that turn the original colours off or on and determine pencil stroke thickness. As you can tell from the pictures shown here, of only 6 of the 27 Presets, the program does a fairly good job of making a picture taken with a camera look as if it were drawn with pencil, or pencil crayons.



