

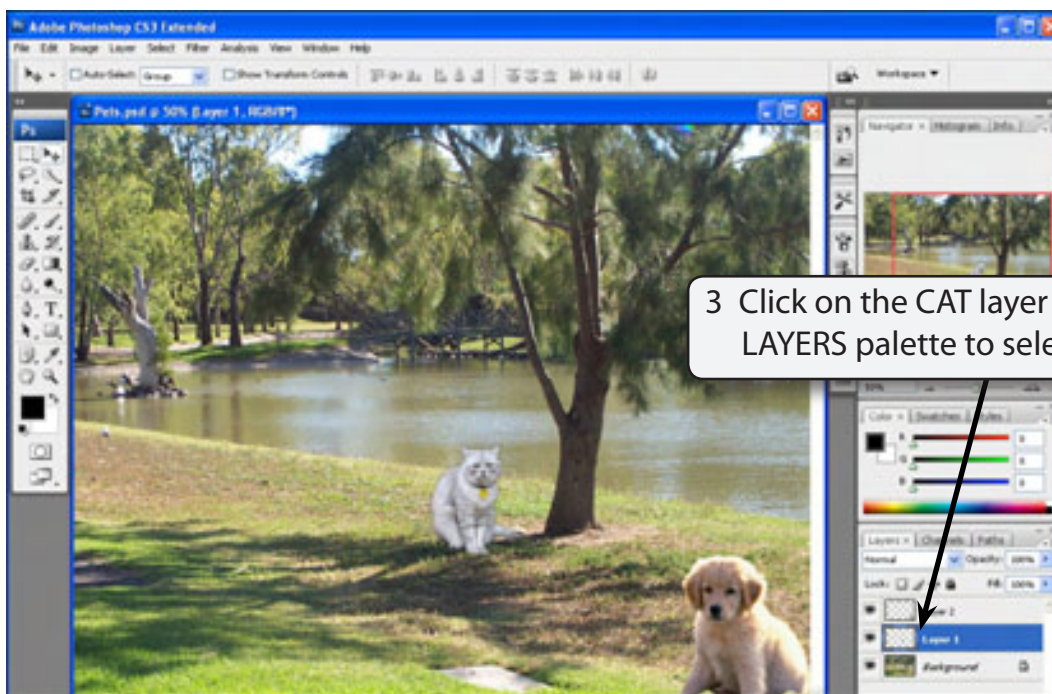
Modifying Images

Photoshop allows you to make extensive changes to graphics. In this chapter we will look at a few examples including distorting photos and applying filters and effects.

Selecting the Correct Layer

Each time you pasted an object into the Pets background the new object was placed in a separate layer. So the background is in one layer, the cat in another layer and the dog in a third layer. To edit an object you must select the layer that it is in.

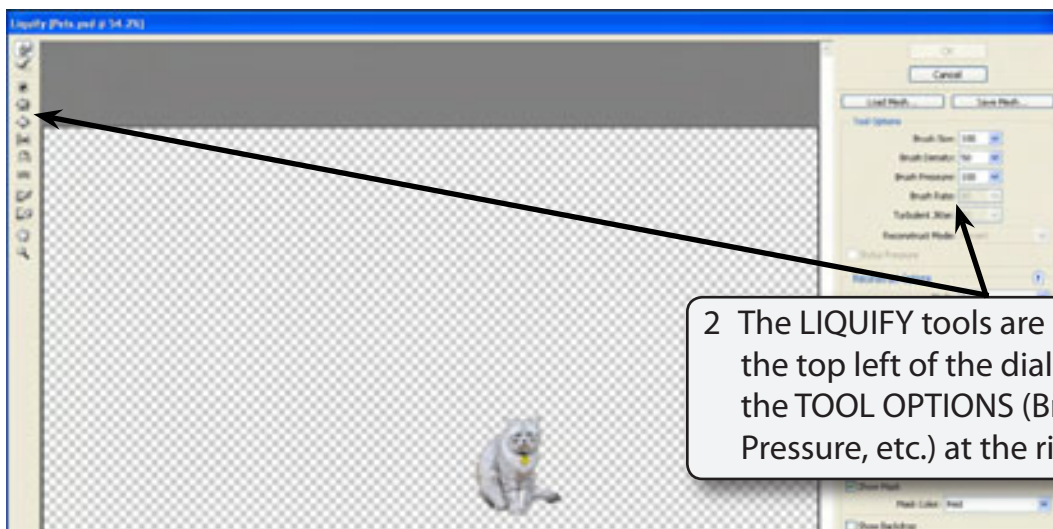
- 1 Load Photoshop and open your PETS.PSD file.
- 2 When you wish to edit part of a picture you select the appropriate layer.



The Liquify Tool

The LIQUIFY tool allows you to modify the appearance of an object.

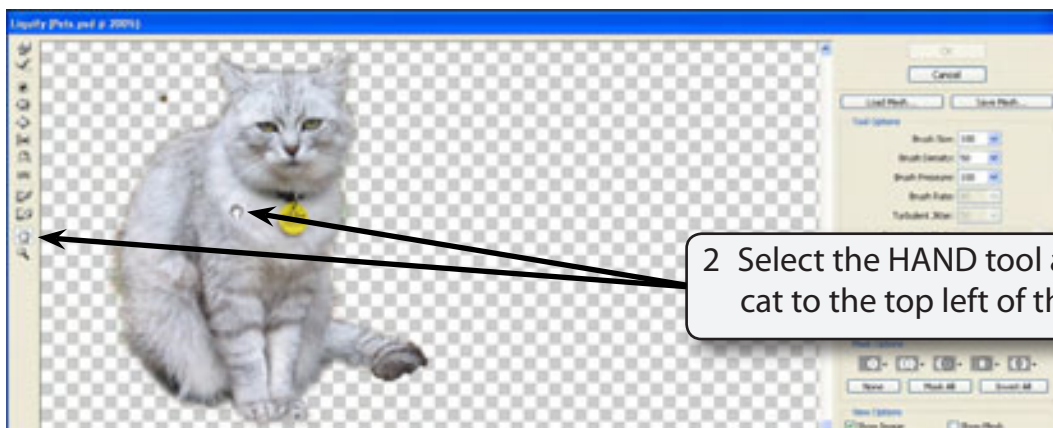
- 1 Display the FILTER menu and select LIQUIFY. The cat should be displayed in the LIQUIFY dialogue box.



A The Hand Tool

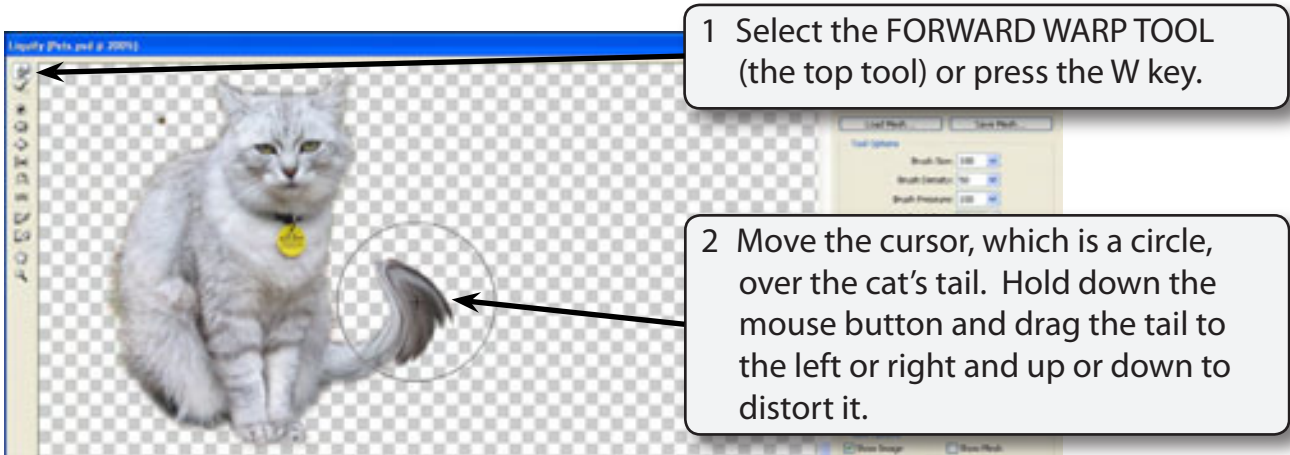
The HAND TOOL allows you to drag the image around the view area.

- 1 Press CTRL+ a few times on the Windows system or COMMAND+ a few times on the Macintosh system to zoom in on the cat.

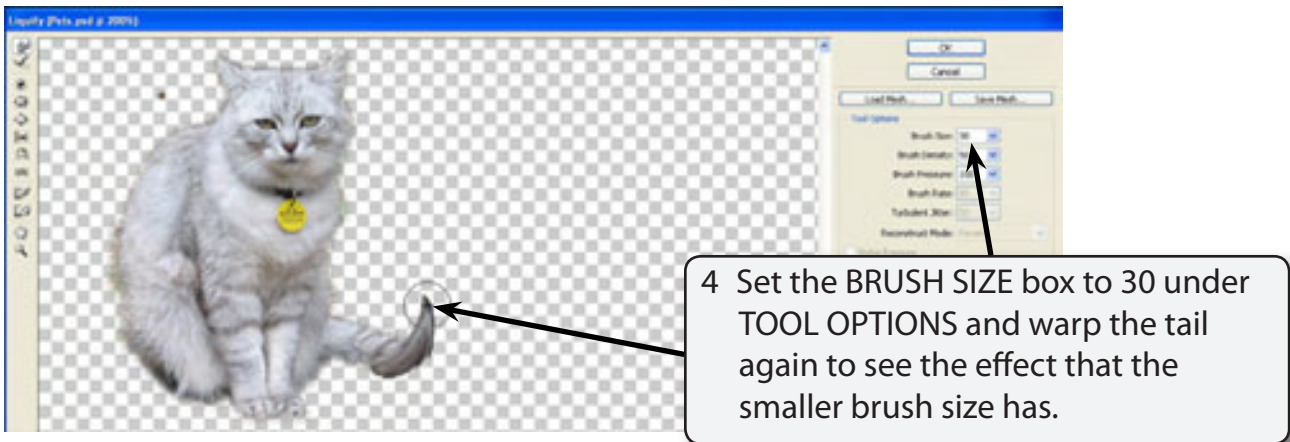


B The Forward Warp Tool

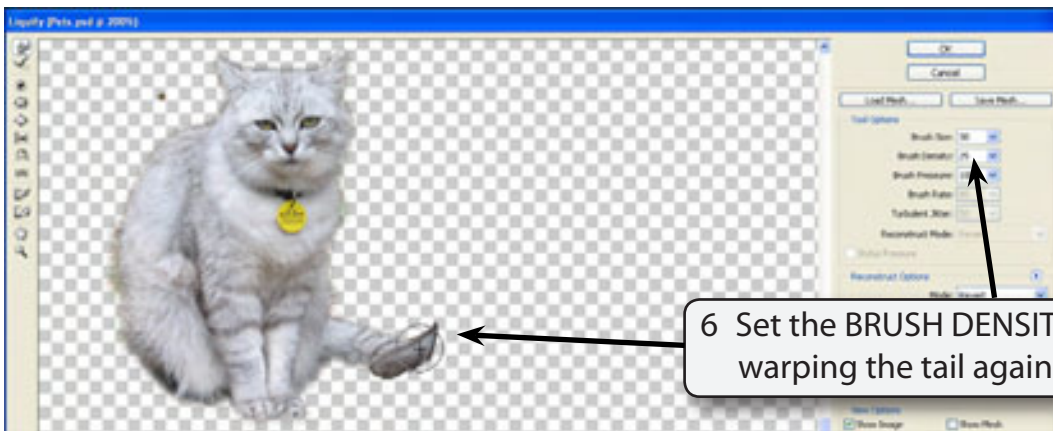
The FORWARD WARP TOOL pushes pixels (screen units) forward as you drag the mouse.



- 3 Click on the RESTORE ALL button in the options at the right of the dialogue box and the image will be returned to its original state (you can also press CTRL+Z or COMMAND+Z to UNDO the last step of the effect).

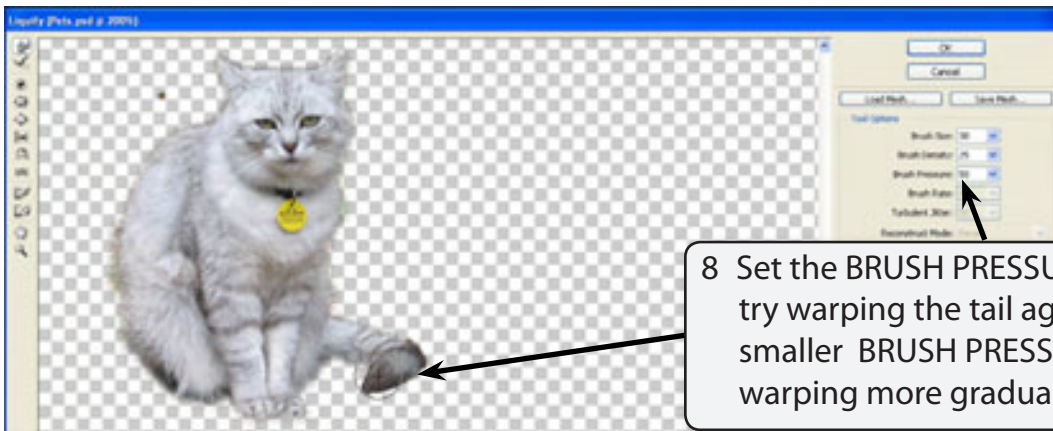


- 5 Click on the RESTORE ALL button at the right of the dialogue box or press CTRL+Z or COMMAND+Z to UNDO the effect.



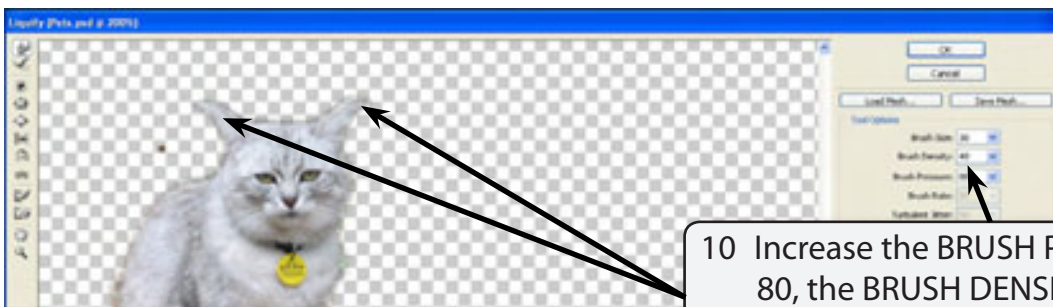
6 Set the BRUSH DENSITY to 25 and try warping the tail again.

7 Click on the RESTORE ALL button or press CTRL+Z or COMMAND+Z to UNDO the effect.



8 Set the BRUSH PRESSURE to 50 and try warping the tail again. The smaller BRUSH PRESSURE makes the warping more gradual.

9 Click on the RESTORE ALL button to UNDO the effect.

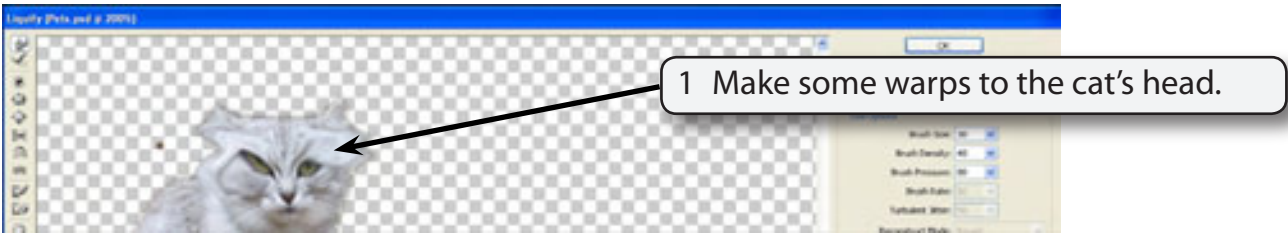


10 Increase the BRUSH PRESSURE to 80, the BRUSH DENSITY to 40 and try warping the cat's ears.

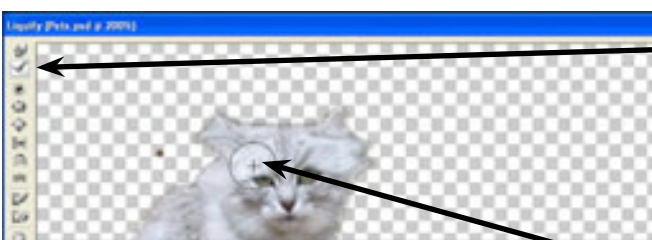
11 Experiment with some other warps then click on the RESTORE ALL button to return to the original cat.

C The Reconstruction Tool

The RECONSTRUCTION TOOL gradually rebuilds parts of your image back to its original state. It is very handy if you change the image more than you intended and you just want sections to be a little less pronounced.



1 Make some warps to the cat's head.



2 Select the RECONSTRUCTION TOOL (the second tool). You can also press R to select it.

3 Click a few times on some of the changes that you made and the program will gradually return that section to its original state.

4 Restore the image to the original shape.

D Twirling

You can spin part of an image either clockwise or counter clockwise.



1 Select the TWIRL CLOCKWISE TOOL (the third tool). You can also press C to select it.

2 Set the BRUSH SIZE to 70, the BRUSH PRESSURE to 80, move the brush over the cat's nose, hold down the mouse button for a second and the cat's face will be twisted to the right.