

CLUB DOGWOOD

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Here we are - in the last 'normal' month before things take a turn for the crazier in June with the launch of our fun summer Trilogy.

Though, I'm not sure there's *ever* a normal day in Club Dogwood. I mean, you were filming strangers' lawnmowers last month!

The Spring Scavenge was one of my favourite themes yet, and from your feedback, it was many of yours too. You'll be pleased to know we have our second Four Seasons of Scentventure coming up this autumn, with Fall Fest.

Even though the official Spring Scavenge is over, keep enjoying your wellness walks. Many of us discovered that slowing down and paying attention to nature, being in the moment instead of in our head, is really good for us.

Now though, we're back to another kind of searching! May's focus is Scent Collector 2, brought to you by SVGs Justine and Emily. . .

Behind the Scenes filming Scent Collector

My home was invaded once again last month and turned into the set of Scent Collector 2 by Justine and her car full of cardboard boxes (she used a grand total of 3 of them, I think).

It's great fun training with Justine's dogs because they're both so skilled, but my favourite part is noticing how different they are.

Bella and Alfie have the same grandad but that's where the similarities end. Oh, and they both *love* to search - but their styles are very different.

Bella is steady and methodical and always gets the job done.



It's a running joke that we say we will need 10 acrobats, 5 deer and a good supply of T-bone steak to distract Bella's focus from Justine long enough to film a 'focus' technique.

Alfie opts for the bull-in-a-China-shop approach. I've never seen Justine move faster than when Alfie nearly brought down a lamp in my living room! Alfie has incredible drive and motivation to search.

These two very different dogs got me thinking that it would be so easy to compare the two and wonder why Bella is always perfect and Alfs is... Alfs (which is just the way we love him best, by the way). But they have different genes and different life experiences, which makes it impossible to compare them, just like it's impossible to compare any two Labradoodles or dogs with the same grandad, or foreign rescues, or two 4 year olds, or two dogs who have had the same training, etc, etc, etc. Life is just too varied. Like us, our dogs are individuals with their own strengths and quirks.

May Calendar

- 1st - Scent Collector 2 begins
- 3rd, 7pm - Scent Collector 2 Live with Justine and Emily
- 25th - Happy 4th Birthday, Dogwood!
- 26th, 6pm - Deep Dive with Katie
- 31st - Scent Collector 2 ends

SCENTVENTURE GUIDES SAY...

The Scentventure Guides have been very impressed with what they have seen in the Club recently. So much so that they wanted to pass these messages on to you.



“ Club Dogwood is a hugely supportive family and our dogs are at the heart of our family.

We celebrate the highs together and support each other at any low points.

We share our own individual training journeys up our own mountains, and help each other climb too.

Vicki

“ You have all been working so hard to learn new skills and have embraced stepping out of your comfort zone.

With the introduction of Scent Detector, The Loose Lead Walking Recipe, Love the Harness and more, you've really blown me away with how much you put in to have the best lives possible with your dogs.

You're always on hand to guide each other through and I can't wait to see your progress in the coming months.

Best Club Ever.

Rachael

“ The last couple of months you've really focused on enjoying time with your dogs.

Playing together, exploring together, and thoroughly enjoying each other's company.

It's been lovely to see you celebrate them as individuals and there has been so much laughter in training videos and within the group!

Emily

The teamwork I've seen is so inspiring. You help each other and work together, sharing the support and wins.

“ Helping when people aren't feeling their best is so very kind - we're so lucky to have this amazing community. ”

Sarah

We are all very, very proud of this community - everything you do for yourselves, your dogs and each other.

Wild garlic scones

Inspired by our Spring Scavenge, Fifi and I went on a wild garlic forage and made scones and pesto.

Many of you asked for the scone recipe, so here it is. (I substituted the dairy to make it plant based but this is the original version.)

The scones are for us humans to enjoy!



Ingredients

- 500g Self raising flour
- 4 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 200g margarine
- 250g grated cheddar cheese
- 200 ml milk
- 2 large handfuls chopped wild garlic leaves

Recipe by National Trust

Instructions

1. Heat the oven to 220c/425f/Gas 7. Lightly grease a baking sheet.
2. Mix together the flour and salt and rub in the butter.
3. Stir in the cheese and chopped garlic, then the milk to get a soft dough
4. Turn on to a floured work surface and knead very lightly. Pat out to a round 2cm thick. Use a 5cm cutter to stamp out rounds and place on the baking sheet. Lightly knead together the rest of the dough and stamp out more scones to use it all up.
5. Brush the tops of the scones with a little milk. Bake for 12-15 minutes until well risen and golden. Cool on a wire rack.

Enjoy!

