

emerging forms of togetherness

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My photographic series following the theme of **Forms of Togetherness** began with pulling inspiration from my surroundings within nature. My original idea was to reflect spring changes happening in the environments where I take my dog Lenny, on her daily walks. My strategy was to keep my list of shots list vague, and I wanted to allow the changes in nature to inspire me and form this series. The changes in nature was my inspiration because I felt it reflected what was happening within myself. The chill of winter and slowness of the beginning of the year was melting off and a natural buzz was starting to kick in.

My process for the series was to bring my camera with me for all dog walks and tried to make it a habit to assure I had enough content for the series. At first, I was excited by close details within nature that I found, like a blooming flower or a droplet of water sitting on a leaf. But felt after receiving needed feedback, that there was an element missing and it led me to start capturing more images of my furry companion and explore this hidden aspect. During my editing process, I was focused on highlighting the natural colours and enhanced the various hues within the image in photoshop. I increased the details and textures of many of the images to enhance the natural beauty. I used a layering mask to create consistency and highlight a mood within the series as well. I also looked to the clone stamp tool to hide certain detail; mostly just distracting branches to create a cleaner image. I kept the editing very natural and bright looking .

After receiving feedback from my peers, I felt that I had more of a direction to go in and it helped me to define the theme. The series ended up being up much more about togetherness than was I initially had planned. The whole series highlights the time spent with myself and my dog and our places we visit often. I learned that these walks with my dog have turned into something more special than I realized and I am happy to have pictures to capture the memory. I hope you enjoy the series.





























