**“What Wedding Dresses Taught Me About Meet & Greets”**

You know how they say, “Just pop in, say hi, be polite, and leave before anyone starts pulling out old photo albums”? Yeah… that didn’t happen.

What was meant to be a quick 20-minute meet and greet with a lovely new client and her pup turned into something much more… and I honestly wouldn’t have it any other way.

I found myself sitting cross-legged, over half an hour later. One minute I was sitting on the couch, politely nodding, and the next I was being ushered from room to room, learning the entire layout of the house like I was about to list it on Rightmove. “This is the guest room, this is where we keep the really good towels, and over here is the bathroom we don’t let guests use.” It was oddly charming.

Then came the grand finale: the wedding dress showcase. She pulled out options—as in, multiple gowns—and we went through them like we were on a very sentimental episode of Say Yes to the Dress. There were questions about lace vs. beading, off-the-shoulder vs. strapless, and of course, “Do you think this one’s too dramatic?”.

I mean… I met this woman an hour ago. And I’ve been blessed to have seen more of her wedding planning process than some of her bridesmaids probably have.

But here’s the thing: as hilarious and slightly surreal as it all was, it also felt special. It turns out that being invited to weigh in on someone’s wedding dress choices (and shown the entire house) is a sign you’re not just a visitor, you’re being welcomed into the family.

And somewhere between admiring her dream Pinterest board and weighing in on centrepieces, it really clicked: this wasn’t just a chat about dog care. This was about trust for them. Welcoming someone into your home to look after your adored 4-legged family member(s) takes a lot, and when someone invites you into their world like that, it’s a real privilege.

That’s why meet and greets matter **so** much. They’re not just about checking boxes or handing over a key — they’re a chance to make sure we’re the right fit. That you feel comfortable. That I get to know your dog’s quirks, favourite napping spots, and all the little details that make your home *your* home, and your dog’s routine *their* routine.

So yes, I stayed longer than planned. And yes, I left with a few unexpected thoughts on wedding florals. But more importantly, I left knowing I’d been genuinely welcomed — and that means everything.