**BOOK COVER DESIGN**

Strong with Hearts and Hounds: *The Everyday Power of Dogs in Life and Support*

This one I am publishing myself through KDP and Ingramspark asap

* Genre: Professional non-fiction with a therapeutic/reflective focus
* Format: Paperback and ebook (possibly hardback later, but not essential right now)
* Estimated page count: Around 300 pages once fully laid out
* Size: 6x9 inch trim (standard)
* Style: I’m looking for a clean, calm, professional design — ideally using a real or realisitic dog image or something emotionally expressive (not anything cartoon-like or very AI looking). The tone is reflective and grounded, so I’d prefer something soft and grown-up in feel, not overly busy or bright. I like warm orange, purple – warm colours – possibly earthy/sun/sunrise/growth/therapeutic.

Really open to different ideas!

**Cover Requirements for Amazon KDP**

* Format: PDF (full cover wrap – front, back, and spine combined)
* Bleed: 0.125 inches (3.2 mm) on all sides
* Colour: CMYK
* Resolution: 300 DPI
* Spine width: Based on final page count (KDP calculator here: https://kdp.amazon.com/cover-calculator)
* No crop marks
* Include space for barcode (bottom right of back cover)

**Cover Requirements for IngramSpark**

* Format: PDF (full cover wrap – front, back, and spine combined)
* Bleed: 0.125 inches (3.2 mm) on all sides
* Colour: CMYK
* Resolution: 300 DPI
* Spine width: Slightly different to KDP depending on paper choice (white paper, 55lb stock is standard)
* Include a white box for barcode (unless Ingram adds it automatically — which they usually do if no barcode is supplied)
* No crop or registration marks

**Other Notes**

* Please provide the final files for both platforms separately (as spine sizing may vary slightly)
* I’ll also need a standalone **front cover image** for ebook/online use (JPEG or PNG)
* If possible, I’d love editable source files too (AI, PSD, or INDD) in case we make adjustments for future editions