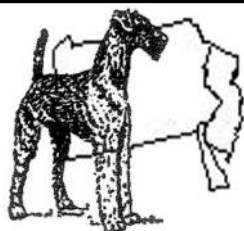


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## AIRE FAIRE 2009

The idea of yet unnamed Airedale 'festival' was announced in last December's newsletter and invitations were sent out in early May this year. Everyone known to have an Airedale, either adopted, bred or bought from a breeder in the Tri-State area was invited. When acceptances were all in, we counted just over one hundred adults and about 45 Airedales - and one Giant Schnauzer with a special welcome.

It was another in a long string of dark and very wet afternoons, that day before Aire Faire, and as I watched helplessly through the window, I prayed. A few minutes later, I had to go down to the garage for something. Suddenly, the sun came out and there was a beautiful rainbow! The Faire was ON!

June 14th, THE day, dawned gray and damp. With resolve, workers came early and ignored the sky. Grass that had gone unmowed the day before because of the drenching rains, got mowed and boards and rugs were laid over the "swamp" at the entrance to the yard. The agility equipment brought by Mike Marzo, had to go down by the garage, on "higher" ground instead of where intended in one of the fenced house yards. Crates and pens were set up in the yard so people would be able to have free hands for eating. John Johnstonbaugh, Mike Lurski, Cork Meyer and Dewey Yesner devised a workable system to get the cars parked down on the road - or down the street,

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Visit our website at [www.Airedale911.org](http://www.Airedale911.org)



Thank you for all of your hard work, you never stopped all day As you all know, the few heroes I have in this world are mostly in Airedale Rescue, and my humble and heartfelt thanks goes out to all of the wonderful people who give their time, talent and treasure to the best dogs on earth.

My wife and I would not have traded the day for anything else we have done all year. How can you not have the best day all year if you love Airedales, you get to be with your wife and best friend and meet 50 other Airedales all in one spot AND you get a great cookout and great food too? It was beautifully organized. The thought of having pens was terrific, Zoe is not accustomed to other dogs, and it gave her a place to calm down.

Robin and Chris Colman - NJ

Really enjoyed the very first Aire Faire and getting to meet many families. One item that amazed me is that the Airedale they have right now is NOT the first Airedale for their home. There were a lot of families who are on their 5th or 6th Airedale through the years. Once you get the "nose poke" that's it for life!

Dave Chismar — PA

Thanks for a great time on Sunday. It was wonderful to meet so many nice Airedales and their people. We thought everything was great, just a bit too far for us to drive (a solid 2 hours).

I have attached some pictures from the day. The two Airedales in the little tent are so cute! All the best, great to see you.

Julia Groom-Thompson and Bill Thompson - PA

We enjoyed the Aire Faire. It was really a fun outing. Liked meeting other people who have a love of Airedales, and of course, seeing all the dogs. There wasn't anything we didn't like. We traveled about 50 minutes to get there and would be ok with a bit more, say 1 1/2 hours

Howard & Carolyn Levy - PA

The Aire Faire was great. The location couldn't have been nicer. Somebody did a lot of work! I enjoyed the people and the dogs very much. Thank you Joey, et al!!!

Joan Crum - NJ







It has been on my mind since we left the picnic on Sun., to thank you for a very nice time. I know it took a lot of planning and organizing to make it the success it was. Chuck and I both had a nice time even though we did not know most of the people there. Airedale people on the whole are friendly. Your home was perfect for the event, Thanks again for all your hard work and to all those who helped you.

Everyone we spoke to was friendly. The name tags were a big plus. I was impressed how well behaved all the Airedales were. Thanks for a great time. I'm looking forward to an Aire Fare 2010.

*Arlene Ounjian - PA*

Thanks for hosting *Aire Faire*. I have RSVP'd to Marie. Rick and I will be away until 6/13 but cannot pick up Wilbur until Monday (no pick ups at the vet on Sunday). If, however, the festivities are postponed until 6/20 due to rain, we would like to come and bring fruit salad.

In the meantime, please accept this check to help with your work. As you know, Wilbur is our third Airedale (first rescue) and is the BEST!! He is sweet and goofy and always lovable. As an aside, he is also the handsomest dog in Edison as well as the most spoiled. Thanks again for all you do,

*Arlene Smith - NJ*

Thank you so much for hosting Aire Faire! It was a big event and a lot of careful planning went into it.

It was fun meeting some of the people who had previously been names in the newsletters. And of course, seeing all the wonderful Airedales... they were so well-behaved.

Duncan was a bit over-whelmed. He's used to just being with me or smaller gatherings of people and dogs. He slept most of the way home and didn't even want to go for a walk after his supper!

Again - thank you for a wonderfully fun time.

*Sincerely, Ann Kessler - NJ*

My giant schnauzer, Rudy, and I enjoyed your outing immensely. Over the years, I have been to all kinds of dog affairs (usually giant related) and end up leaving with a sour taste in my mouth, due to the gossip and backbiting that goes on.... I didn't experience any sour grapes [at Aire Faire] and it was refreshing change.

The food spread was terrific. I love the idea that everyone brought something----so much better than catered food!

Thanks for the invitation.

*MaT Tyma - PA*

I still can't stop talking about it with my friends and husband! It was SOOOOOO much fun and we enjoyed ourselves so much! I was proud of Sheamus, and Louise too, they were so well behaved. But why would I doubt them? They are special! I would love for this to happen every year!! It's not every day you get to go to an "Airedale" Party!!!!

It was a pleasure to meet you and I am sure we will meet again and hopefully work together and keep in touch

*Bette Leyden - Kintnersville, PA*





because the grassy areas were too softened by rain to bear the weight.

A bit before 11 a.m., the people starting coming, bringing food and dogs and more food and chairs and goodies for the dogs and filling water dishes for their dogs and more food. The sounds of happiness filled the air. Deb Ciancarelli soon had three grills going with hamburgers and hot dogs, so the din was muffled somewhat for a while - while the feasting took place.

Blooming'Dales, the little shop out by the parking area held its Grand Opening, offering our various lovely Airedaley treasures - and business was booming!

A couple of years ago we had accepted an "Airedale" into Rescue sight unseen and he turned out to be all black. His owner, who had died, had bought this "Black Airedale" as a pup. Well, if the AKC is the

one true dog registry in your mind - as it is in mine - there is no such thing as a black Airedale. As it happens, a DNA test I had done on B.D. (black dog) had just come in - so we offered the crowd the chance to collect half the kitty if they guessed his other breed. Guessing cost one dollar each. \$88 was in the pot when John Johnstonbaugh (who is a teacher and has the voice for hearing without help of a microphone, a must for next year) opened the DNA results and announced that B.D. was 50% Airedale, 25% Bullmastiff, and the rest a mix of undetectable breeds. No one guessed, so Rescue won the \$88. It was fun as well as interesting and surprising!

Exchanging stories and anecdotes was the favored activity for the three short hours we were gathered. When everyone was nearly talked out and had about eaten his fill, the beautiful cake that Serafina Lurski designed and paid for was presented and cut. It was a shame to cut it - but it was the most wonderful thing you ever tasted. Thank you, Serafina for the "icing on the cake."

A group picture was called for - so official photographer of the day, Dave Chismar, waited until everyone had moved to the field beside the pond. Unfortunately, the group picture is missing a few people because they were taking pictures of their own.

The last thing we did was the drawing for the beautiful sculptured Airedale head - a magnificent wall hanging by Patsi Ann of England. Winner: Carol and Richard Knerr of Whitehall, PA! They had to be nabbed on their way to their car, but happily returned to collect their bounty.

I am so happy we did this and thank everyone for making it truly a day at the Faire. *Joey*



## CANINE Cancer Research USA

<http://www.caninecancerresearchusa.org>

First Annual Canine Cancer Awareness 'Walk-A-Thon'



### 'Paws in the Park'



Sunday September 13 2009 – 10:00 am-3:00 pm

Core Creek Park, Langhorne PA 19047 –Pavilions #1 & #2 near Tollgate Entrance

#### THE EVENT

Canine companions from all over the Delaware Valley and their humans get together for a fun day to increase awareness of Canine Cancer, raise funds for research and the hope it provides. Walkers without canines are welcome. Prizes for the top fundraisers! Live on-site radio broadcast with 97.5FM.

Registration is required.

Send email to [ccrusa1@verizon.net](mailto:ccrusa1@verizon.net)  
Subject line-'walk-a-thon pkg request'

This letter to Pet Lovers Forum of the Sunday Patriot News was published on Dec. 28, 08. We thank the Knerrrs for their active support:

*Thank you for your strong support of rescue organizations.*

*We are the proud owners of Patches, an Airedale we acquired from Airedale Rescue and Adoption of the Delaware Valley.*

*We were a little surprised by the application process, which included a home visit, but in hindsight, we realize it is absolutely necessary to make a perfect match of owner and pet.*

*The longer we deal with Airedale Rescue, the more impressed we are with what they do. And as you correctly stated, the fees don't begin to cover all of their expenses. Thank you for being their champion.*

*Carol and Dick Knerr of Hokendauqua.*

## Still Waiting for Homes

**Rylie** age 5 - female- good with kids- must be an only dog

**Maggie** age 6 - good with kids- very large- must be an only dog

**Rosie** age 6 -loves to play- must be an only dog

**Jackson** age 3 - good with cats, kids, other dogs, and adults

**Savannah** age 3 - good with kids- must be an only dog- lived with a cat. She protected her cat from a neighborhood dog and that's why she was surrendered.

**Stella** age 5 - very sweet- still learning to be an Airedale and trust people- good with kids

**Summer** age 2 - very sweet- needs more time in foster care to learn to be an Airedale and trust people

Most of the girls that must be "only" dogs came into rescue from homes that didn't have secure fencing and the dogs were protecting their territory. Unfortunately they now can't be trusted around other dogs.

**More coming in weekly- call for updates**

# Heartfelt Thanks

Contributions have been received from these ardent supporters:

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 Anne and Jim Townley

In memory of Kirby  
 In memory of wife Carol  
 for Riley

In memory of all the Airedales I ever loved - **Sprite, Mercedes, Junket, Gally, Lucy and Dudley**

Charlotte Ames/John H. Eichelberger, Jr. , In honor of Lillie  
 Denise and Abraham Garweg In memory of our dear "Sandy"  
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Jackie Johns In memory of Tiggy  
 Ronald Jones In memory of Ch. Schaire Montgomery of Tunlea (Monty)  
 Elizabeth and Joseph Kametz In memory of Frieda and Reggie  
 Arlette S. Keri In memory of Keeper  
 Ann Landes In memory of Missy  
 Bea and Bob Lee In Memory of Monty Lee  
 Johanna and Steven Olafson In memory of Bialy and Tofu Young  
 Arlene and Richard A. Smith In honor of Wilbur  
 Susan and Edward Smith In memory of [their adopted Airedale] Mandy  
 Joanne Wentz In memory of Murphy  
 Erna Westermann In memory of Holly Westermann  
 Maria and David Williams In celebration of Rudy

Mary Mattson  
*for all our Airedales these 40 years! and in honor of Joey Fineran, her unwavering care and love for these beautiful dogs who want to be loved and part of a family*

## Adopted

Lucy Yesner  
 Sofie Weingert  
 Trixy Rassman  
 Jethro Ditty  
 Buddy Kellett  
 Holly Brooks  
 Lucy Quinn  
 Buddy Ross  
 Chase Buckley  
 Ollie Lee  
 McKenzie Marasa  
 Trapper John Yesner  
 Maggie Sue Curtis  
 Tommy Solog-Repsher  
 Leza Marino  
 Daley Meyer  
 Harry Hefright  
 Tammy Lusk

It takes many willing hearts and capable hands pulling together for Airedale Rescue and Adoption of the Delaware Valley to be able to live up to the high standards we have chosen. Not only do these standards adhere to or surpass the policies set forth by the ATCA Rescue and Adoption Committee, but they lay the groundwork for every dedicated volunteer to sleep soundly every night. Our return for such commitment comes in the form of satisfaction and wet kisses and wagging tails. All the same, there are several names who deserve special mention.

Our primary veterinarian, **Dr. Kathy Jamison**, of the Milford Veterinary Clinic, has made our existence possible. Her love of all animals and her patience with us and some of the not so great examples of our beloved breed are exemplary, as is that of her staff. We thank you, "Dr. J." and with God's blessing may you be there for our rescue Airedales for a very long time.

It seems like at least once a month I have to "send" someone to **David Falk**. He and his wife **Maggie** own and run the River Road Campground up in Corinth, NY. David teaches all kinds of dogs and people amazing things, if they listen. Sometimes I'm referring people who call us for help, but really don't want to surrender their dog to rescue and sometimes we have problems we can't solve with a dog who has been released to us. He has taken in and realigned many an Airedale for us. When they are ready, he tries to place them as close to him as possible so he can oversee their continued progress if that continued counseling seems necessary. A founding member of the Mid-Jersey Airedale Terrier Club, he always actively collects donations at their annual specialty, held in conjunction with the Trenton K. C. all breed dog show in May. Often David gets donations of appreciation for his guidance and he invariably signs them over to us. Thank you, David — in case you didn't know, you are revered and appreciated.

Most of the dogs that come into our group are groomed immediately - and again when placed - by me, **Cindy Johnstonbaugh**, **Kathy Enos**, **David Falk** or **Tom Marino**. Every once in a while, another [good] groomer of Airedales will be called upon. **Jack McLaughlin** of the Airedale Terrier Club of Greater Philadelphia, has never said no or charged us for that service. The same goes for **Jordan Stauffer** in York, PA from **Tattle Tails Dog Grooming** shop, who generously groomed Holly and Lucy for us.

**Longvue Kennels**, a terrier-handlers' kennel in DE, graciously took in and kept Holly for us when she suddenly showed unforeseen aggression toward the other dog in her new, short-lived home. **April and Todd Clyde** were very accommodating on a moment's notice - and had Holly in residence for at least two or three weeks at no charge. Other kennels, namely Holland Hills in NJ, and Sugar Run and Tamora in PA, have set their Airedale Rescue daily fees considerably lower than normal to help us afford to keep dogs happy and safe until room in a foster home opens up for them.

A big thank you, once again, to **Carole Slade** of **Freshpet** Product Donations and Freshpet for giving our rescue group over 1200 pounds of adult dog food and treats since the new year. They have been extremely generous to Airedale Rescue for several years. To find out more about Freshpet's high quality dog foods, which contain no preservatives, access [delifreshpet.com](http://delifreshpet.com) or [homestylelect.com](http://homestylelect.com). Use link "Find a Store" and give your zip code to determine the stores nearest your home that feature Freshpet products.

**Cindy Johnstonbaugh**, when she's not matching applicants with rescue dogs, picking up or grooming or delivering rescue dogs, going to the vet or visiting homes, is busy at the machine that produces the majority of the awesome articles of clothing, pillows, purses, blankets and dog beds that you can buy from Cindy's Made to Order Embroidery Shoppe. Or, you might find her out in the middle of the road at night, pounding the beautiful copper ornaments on the pavement for that special effect. Through all of this, **her husband John** remains tolerant and often is by her side, giving a helping hand — and he sure was a trooper at the Faire.

**Mike and Serafina Lurski**, **Mary Jo Johnson** and **Marie Chismar** serve as rescue representatives at the Philadelphia club's Airedale booth at the Learning Experience in Allentown, PA every January and **Linda and Cork Meyer** have set up our table with information and a few articles from our "store," for several years running at the Northeastern Pet and Breed Rescue Expo in Hamburg, PA in April, with **Marta** along as Ambassador.

**Serafina and Mike Lurski**, **Dee and Tom Marino**, **Deb and John Ciancarelli**, **Linda and Cork Meyer**, **Heather Estlow** and **Kathy and Jim Enos** have been unwavering in their willingness to foster, transport, pick up and deliver rescue dogs far and wide. We have, in you all, the best of the best and we are gratefully thrilled. **Linda Brendlinger** and **Pat and Bob Harding** transport when dogs are in their area - a huge help. **Anne Townley** will pick up dogs being released to rescue and does many home visits for us.

**Fran Sawyer**, our Secretary, carefully writes a thank you note for each donation we receive all year long. Sometimes they come in bunches and sometimes I'm too busy to get them to her as they come in and end up sending many at a time, which is never convenient for her, of course. Fran never complains, though, in spite of whatever is going on in her life at the time.

**Linda Magri** has been tenacious at keeping our website up to date and on top of things. Her job entails more grief than you can imagine and yet she steadily plods along behind the scenes and fixes what the rest of us didn't even know was broken, using methods she didn't know she knew. We owe her... and hope that kisses from her beloved Lucas are enough to satisfy our debt for the time being.

**Dewey Yesner**, of course, is available for transporting when needed, but even more importantly keeps our organization legal and up to date on the financial end with both banking and required government reports, which he manages very happily at home with his three adopted former rescue dogs. It does my heart good - and presumably the hearts of all who read this - to know that Trapper John sleeps every night amongst the pillows on Dewey's bed.

As you read this issue of *Starting Over*, you can recognize that **Keith Johnson's** attention to detail and his amiable compliance to my instructions has developed this newsletter into the best of its kind. Hats off to Keith!

It took a village to put on Aire Faire and hopefully I mentioned most of the people who needed to be thanked in the featured article about it. There are a myriad of other little things that keep us keeping on - both on the scene and behind the scenes. If I missed your name or didn't mention what you did, please know that I and all of Airedale Rescue and Adoption of the Delaware Valley are here because of you - and we say, "Thank You!"

~~Joey





# HEART

## To My Beloved "Indy" (Indiana Jones)

I loved you and cared for you and kept you as long as I could... you were magnificent, handsome, loyal, intelligent, strong, willful and eccentric. The last trait made it impossible for you to live, as you attacked once and nipped far too many children. I mourn your death every day, but I find great joy sharing in the life of your big sister, Brillo, who, at four, is sweet, gentle and loving and has blossomed in her happy life caring for her humans. I am so, so sorry to have lost you so soon.

*Judy LeClair — NJ*



We have unfortunate news. Dudley passed away on 4/18 of liver cancer. He was fine up to the last week. He came to us with a big smile and brought so much joy with him! Of all our Airedales he was top on our list. A true gentleman with a wonderful sense of humor. We will miss him dearly.

*Frank & Joanne Magadan - CT*



## In Loving Memory

Monty Lee  
Riley Shepard  
Indiana Jones LeClair  
Dudley Magadan  
Molly Hogan  
Winston Kametz  
Jake Morgan  
Chloe Grembowicz  
Tiggy Johns  
Riley Dale  
Caleb Rohloff  
Noodles Gehron  
Soldier Harding

One name is missing from our Christmas cards this year - Molly. On September 18th we had to put Molly to sleep. She had stopped eating and drinking. The vet said that it was her way of telling us. I gave her a handful of treats. She ate them, drank a little, but the next morning I found where she had thrown up everything. Robert came home from college to say good-bye and we all hugged her and cried. Keep us in your prayers and thoughts. Thank you for entrusting us with her. - love, *Vicki, Henry, Jeffrey, Michael and Robert — NJ*

Riley died at 2:02 this afternoon. We took him back to the vet, and had to carry him in. They drained 2 liters of fluid from his heart, liver and stomach.

Yesterday his liver function tests were normal. Today his heart rate was 200. They did an EKG and one of the heart chambers was not functioning. We never had the chance to determine whether he had a spleen tumor.

We are so saddened. He was the happiest, most loving dog. We are so happy to have adopted him and know that we gave him a wonderful life with great companions in Zelda and Hattie.

I hope his picture comes through. This was his favorite thing to do.

*Mindy and Bob Shepard - PA*





# STRINGS



With tears and a very heavy heart, I wanted to let you know that we lost our Caleb on February 12th, 7 days shorts of his 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday with us. Caleb was always terrified of thunderstorms. We had a freak crack of thunder during the very early morning of February 12<sup>th</sup>. We tried to calm Caleb down, but we could not talk to him or console him. Things quickly happened and at 3 AM we drove 45 miles to the nearest Emergency Center. At 5:30 AM we lost our Caleb.



Two years is too short, but Caleb brought us such happiness, I wouldn't change anything.

*Charlene and Ric Robloff — CT*

[\*\*See PART TWO of the story on page 19]

It is with great sadness that we inform you that we lost our beloved Chloe this past August. She became gravely ill very suddenly - a tumor burst and we were faced with no choice but to let her pass peacefully. She was such a sweet, special girl with the most beautiful face and big brown eyes. Although we miss her terribly, we are so grateful for all of the ways she enriched our lives. Animals teach us so much about loyalty, courage and companionship - they are truly amazing. Please accept the enclosed in memory of dear Chloe to help other Airedales find loving homes. We will always be grateful to you and the rescue team for bringing Chloe to us. Fond regards,

*Judie and Mike Grembowiec - NJ*

Thanks for including Jake in : "Starting Over" Dec. 2008. We miss him so much.

*Paul and Shirley Ryan - PA*

## **The Airedale World has lost another beloved personality**

**Ben McCarthy. 1921-2009**

He was a friend of mine since 1965. He was a friend of our beloved breed for much longer. In the '70s he served on the board of the ATCA and with wife Josephine, hosted several Montgomery dinner parties in their beautiful old [historic] Lancaster County home. They finished three champions shown by handler Adele Abe. Ben was one of the founding members of the Airedale Terrier Club of Greater Philadelphia, serving as president and active on the board for years.

Perhaps best known as a avid Airedale art collector (the good stuff), Ben was the go-to guy for many of us when we needed answers to questions of the value of a given piece. Bit by bit his own enviable collection was donated to benefit the ATCA and Airedale Rescue.

Ben was a member of the prestigious Montgomery County Kennel Club, an honor shared by few, but the honor that he likely most appreciated was the Barbara Strebeigh Award - presented to individuals for outstanding service to the Airedale Terrier breed.

His life was full and shared always with at least one Airedale, among them one of my own champions. In recent years, he would drop everything to go pick up an Airedale from any body or any shelter within a hundred miles. His own Airedales of late were from Airedale Rescue and the last one, Rosie, was with him in the house when he was taken to the hospital for the last time, just a couple of weeks ago.

Rosie is back in rescue now, missing him as much as we all will.

Ben, may you rest in peace. Your job was well done.

*Joey Fineran - PA*



# For Your

## When Dogs Bite People

*Excerpted from an article by Myrna Milani, BS, DVM*

For as often as we hear people boast about how they treat their dogs like humans, it's amazing how surprised many people feel when they discover that dogs are just as likely to treat people like other dogs. Because of this, the first step toward understanding why dogs bite people involves understanding how dogs normally use their teeth.

Dogs use their teeth to communicate the same way we use language and our hands. As puppies, they learn to use only as much pressure as needed to communicate what they want to communicate. Those who bite too hard are disciplined by adults with a sharp snarl and/or ostracized by them and their litter mates.

How much force a dog puts behind the bite also depends on how much stimulus the animal gets from the target and the environment, and how he perceives the threat. A confident dog will only use as much energy as necessary to protect his position—insecurities lead him to be too aggressive. With this in mind, let's look at two common biting scenarios, dogs who go after strangers and those who bite members of their own households.

Before biting a stranger, usually a dog will give a series of warnings to back off: a growl, showing teeth, barking. Dogs who lack confidence in their ability to defend their territory or owner may skip some or all of the warnings. Instead, they will immediately snap at a stranger who makes even the slightest move the dog considers least bit threatening. Because individual dogs may respond so differently given different circumstances, owners of aggressive dogs are legally and morally obligated to have them fully under control at all times.

Dogs who bite strangers are apt to bite their owners and others they know well, and often for the same reason: the owners unwittingly violate the dog's rank. Here again, while some people see this as the absolute worst thing a dog could do, it makes perfectly good sense from the canine point of view.

Some dogs lack confidence to the point that they're intolerant of anything they consider a challenge to their rank by family members. These dogs may growl when they're eating, awakened, moved off the bed, brushed, have a paw held, or given a command.

Other times these dogs will bite their owners when those people try to prevent the dog from attacking another person or animal. Another variation on this theme occurs when leader dogs are leashed and encounter a person they consider threatening.

In all of these cases the answer is to restore the dog's confidence in themselves and their human pack leader.



## Canine Confidence-Building Exercises

*Excerpted from an article by Myrna Milani, BS, DVM*

Many problems occur because dogs lack the confidence to deal with human lifestyles and environments. Owners go off to work, school or other functions, have kids, or live in households where friends and relatives, letter carriers, meter readers, delivery people, and repairmen routinely come and go. Coping with all this requires a lot of canine confidence. Dogs who lack that confidence become stressed and, just like people, they seek ways to relieve that stress. While people may relieve stress by shouting, throwing things, chewing their nails, or getting ulcers, stressed dogs become aggressive, destructive, and/or develop stress-related medical conditions among other problems. Anything we can do to build our dogs' confidence helps decrease stress.

The following three exercises provide dogs with the opportunity to use their minds and build their con-

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# Information:



fidence.

**The Serene Homecoming:** Many owners look forward to homecomings in which their dogs leap, bark, and otherwise become highly excited. This can create a lot of stress for our pets, and lead them to over-react or feel distressed when separated from their owners.

Because of this, and difficult though it may be, ignoring your excited dog when you arrive until your pet lies down and completely relaxes is a wonderful canine confidence-builder. Remember that the goal is for you to initiate the greeting. It may take your dog a while to reach this point, but when family members and all visitors consistently do this, your pet will learn to view homecomings as a calming experience rather than an exciting one.

**The Door Wait:** Many dogs bolt out the door ahead of their owners and this poses no problem. However, according to dog rules, the first individual who enters a space is responsible for protecting it. This puts the dog in the possibly uncomfortable position of having to protect the owner from anything the dog considers a threat in that space. For some dogs, that may mean other dogs, cars, trucks, neighborhood children, or delivery persons. Depending on their level of confidence, these animals may bark, growl, charge, or even attack these threats to their space. How much simpler and less stressful for the dog if our pets wait for us to go through the door and secure the space first!

Set up your pet to choose to do the right thing. First position yourself between your dog and the door, give the sit command with your back to the dog, and open the door an inch or two. If your dog makes any move toward the door, immediately slam the door hard but without any emotion, then move away and ignore the dog. A few minutes later repeat the exercise. Most dogs will learn to sit quietly and wait for the owner to exit first within a matter of days.

**The Zen Down:** Note: If your pet is resistant to touch or you're afraid of your pet, do this exercise without direct body contact until your dog gets used to your presence. Do not touch your pet until you feel confident doing it because all you'll communicate to your pet is your anxiety, which won't help your dog at all.

Have your dog lie down beside you. Next, place your hands on your pet's hips and shoulders, applying light pressure to the dent between the shoulder blades and flat surface of the lower back between the hip bones. Close your eyes and breathe deeply and imagine all of your confidence in your pet and yourself to resolve any problems flowing from you through your hands to your pet. Although this may sound like doggy voodoo, most dogs will visibly relax when you do this. Do this whenever you sense your dog becoming stressed, or just when you want some quality time together. Even a few minutes will help, but ten minute or longer sessions are great, if possible.

Above all, when you practice each of these exercises with your pet, don't think in terms of making your pet obey. Becoming involved in power struggles with your pet communicates nothing about your ability to lead your human-canine pack. Instead, think of yourself as the calm, cool parental figure creating situations that make it easy for your dog to learn to do the right thing. Not only will your dog will learn much faster, it will be much more fun for both of you.



## Dog Grooming Tip:

Brush or comb your dog regularly. Check your dog's skin every so often for any kind of irritation, redness or unusual growths. Don't forget to check for external parasites like fleas and ticks.

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Just a note to let you know what a GREAT life I have! I have two four-legged cousins (a Lab named Clyde and a Golden named Maggie) who have taught me how to play and how to play with toys!! I also have a two legged blond ten year old who just loves me to death (and I love her). I have learned about people food, but I don't help myself. I still don't like the bare kitchen floor, but we're going to work on that! Thanks again for saving me - love,

Molly McGarvey - PA



May your holidays be merry and bright. We know ours will be with our family of brother and sisters and our humans - Mom and Dad. we are enjoying life to the fullest - playing, running, eating, sleeping and above all being loved. Mom and Dad are so grateful for our original upbringing. They cannot get over how good we are (and we really are!) As per our doctor's orders, we both lost a few pounds - we are slim, trim and as handsome as ever - and very healthy, too.

In closing, have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year! Love and Licks,

Max and Sam and our brothers, Sandy and Robby and our sisters, Annie and Maggie, and a thank you from Mike and Anne Marie Mastroianni, our Parents!!" - NJ



"Thank you, mom, for the bubbling water bowl.  
Just the right size!"

*Piper Chismar - PA*



Dear Airedale Rescue,

Apologies for taking so long to write. Between naps, walks, naps, meals, naps, hunting, naps, work and naps I have not had a moment off.

It's been a busy fall. I was head canine usher at the Blessing of the Animals service in October and Canine Judge at the Halloween Howl costume competition. My compensation was treats and more treats.

Then Mom's grandchildren came for a visit. Now I want a 13 year old boy for Christmas!

In May I helped Mom with a BIG fund raiser organized by our church to raise money for our homeless shelter, soup kitchen senior luncheons, etc. It was a street fair; we were in charge of Pet Stop, where we sold stuff for DOGS ... and cats ... but mostly DOGS ... and organized events. Mom and I went to a lot of local pet shops I wagged my tail, held up a paw and smiled sweetly while she explained that we needed merchandise to sell or auction. It was fun, they all gave me treats. My favorite shop is called CALLING ALL PETS. They are so nice, they donated a HUGE BASKET OF TOYS & TREATS, PLUS FOUR TRAYS OF HOME BAKED DECORATED COOKIES. Wow! I was a bit apprehensive when we went to groomers asking for gift certificates to auction off. And then we found an artist to do pet portraits, a horoscope reader and a dog trainer to work at Pet Stop. The horoscope reader told me that I am charming, loving, obedient, energetic, a good hunter ... but have to listen to Mom when she says no. I was demo dog for part of the training exhibition. I got a lot of complements. The best part was when we were selling behind the table. Mom put the reserve treats under the table. When she went off to have lunch, she handed my leash to a friend. I decided to nap ... under the table ... What delicious dreams ...

Early in the morning is the best time for hunting in the park. We take long walks along the river, around Gracie Mansion (official residence of our mayor), thru the park and eventually end up in the dog run. It's great. Four or five friends of my friends have nice parents who carry treats. When I sit they can't resist and I get wonderful hand outs. The best are Leslie's home made liver bits. Then I walk along the benches, trying to do my best keeping New York clean. I sniff as if I'm looking for the right place to piddle. Pizza crusts, bagel bits, alas, she is on to me so most often I'm told to DROP IT. We did have a bit of a tussle with a peanut butter sandwich. Alas, she won.

There is a big ivy covered fence around Gracie Mansion. It's a great place to take attendance. I sniff to find out who has lifted a leg and I check up on the local wild life. Yesterday morning I caught a live RAT! When Mom saw it wriggling in my mouth she uttered those dread words. I knew that breakfast was waiting for me at home, so, with great regret, I dropped it and it scampered back to the mansion. I hope the mayor enjoyed it

Nap time. *Love Tisdale Borland — NYC*

P.S.: I am so happy in New York. Every day I say a little prayer of thanks to you for finding me such super digs. Did I tell you, Metro's ashes are across the street in a field of daffodils. Every once in a while I get suggestions ...

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## Airedale Booth at the Annual Canine Learning Experience Allentown, PA on Jan. 24, '09

Today's exposition in Allentown was a big success. Let me explain why.

Marie Chismar's Dugan (Doogie) was fabulous: well-behaved, cute and handsome, and he attracted many people to our booth. Equally great were Bill Koechler's new puppy, Foster, and the Frasers' Stella. Many people commented on how calm and well-behaved all three were. And who said Airedales aren't great actors?

I figured that attendance might be down due to a bad economy. How wrong I was. From 10:30 until 4:00 the aisles were virtually impassable. And a much larger number of people than usual stopped at our Airedale booth to ask questions, pet the dogs, and obtain materials. Amanda Foster did a great job of displaying a variety of materials, including a section on Rescue. We ran out of copies of *STARTING OVER*. And we had a lot at the beginning of the day.

I had very few opportunities to stop talking because so many people, individuals and families, stopped in to inquire about Airedales. It will have been a successful day if only one follows through and contacts Cindy or someone else in our group.

Of course, we had the usual large number of people, generally older, who stopped by to share stories and memories of Airedales they had had as youngsters or whose relatives had had one and how they were such great dogs.

It was truly a work day but also a lot of fun. Bill, the Frasers, and Brenda McCann (the president of the Philly Airedale Club) were very gracious and helpful to Fi, Marie, and me. And it was just fun to share information and our own Airedale experiences with so many interested people.

And the day concluded with the best part of all: being greeted by Duffy (in his usual shy, silent way) and Toby when we arrived back home.

*Mike Lurski — PA*

## DOG LICENSE REMINDER

Properly licensing your dog is a part of every Rescue Agreement, and every adopter has promised to keep their licenses current. A recent incident in our area pointed out how important that is, when the authorities get involved with your dogs.

In **Pennsylvania**, licensing is done annually by county. Licenses can be purchased at Wal-Mart, most small hardware stores, and the county treasurer's office, and mail-in renewal is offered. A lifetime license is available for \$32, with proof that the dog is micro chipped or tattooed.

In **New Jersey**, annual licenses are available from the licensing clerk of the local municipality, with proof of Rabies vaccination. The maximum fee allowed is \$21.

In **Delaware**, dog licenses are available for up to three years at a time, with proof of Rabies vaccination, from the SPCA or where-ever hunting licenses are sold (including on-line at [Delaware.gov](http://Delaware.gov)).







# We Get Letters



Rugby says HI! He is in the kennel for a few days while we visit our son & family in RI! The kennel people love him and are extra good to him! The owner loves to groom him because he is sooo good. He still has a big mouth, but most people realize he is all bark, and no bite!

He is now 8 and getting grey on top of his head. His Vet says he is better looking than a full breed Airedale. He is good looking because so much of him is black.

He loves the shore house! He actually gets to see dogs AND people from his own chaise lounge on the front porch!! (Tough Life). One day we were going out in the car. I opened the back door and twirled around once as he somehow always involves me in his leash. He jumped into the car as usual. IMAGINE OUR SURPRISE WHEN WE FOUND A DOG ALREADY IN THE CAR, GRINNING LIKE A CHESHIRE CAT!!! No idea where he appeared from or how he got past us and got in the car. They were both ready for a ride, but I didn't want to get picked up for dog napping. He had no collar, no ID. I didn't recognize him. It didn't matter, as he took off the minute he got out of the car.

A few days later he walked by on a leash, with his owners. They live on my street, but at the other end. He slipped out the door while they were unpacking.

Just another relaxing day with an Airedale!!!

*Joan Chamberlain - NJ*

Teddy is our calm nine year old male and Brandy has turned three. She still is able to forget what is acceptable, but really does well, usually. She is growing up.

*Sarah and Don Braun and Teddy and Brandy - NJ*

The girls are happy, healthy and loads of fun! Wish we had room for 10 more!

*Bill, Julie, Maisie and Lily - PA*

Thanks for all you do. Each and every one has my heart.

*Fran and Daisy Mae Bradley - NJ*

It's hard to think what to write because Tallulah is torturing a loud squeaky ball right next to my desk - which proves she is happy and healthy. She's still in swim therapy for her rehab from the two knee surgeries, but she's getting stronger. I can't describe the joy she brings us every day. Thanks to all of you for your good work.

*Tallulah, Bonny Hart and Paul Share - NY*

Scotty is doing great. I can't believe he rescued us at seven months and he just turned four in June! My, how time flies!!! He is definitely a mommy's boy; he is glued too my side EVERYWHERE I go — such a character he is!! Favorite things:

1-Running in yard an barking at the neighbors (although I don't think the neighbors like it too much!!)

2-Sleeping in the bed with Mom (daddy is always second choice).

3-Climbing on everyone's lap (no one told he is too big to be a lap dog!).

4-Wrestling with his brother Barney.

5- Raw meaty bones that he insist on eating on the lounge chair outside. UGH! - What a mess!!

6-Raw green tripe. YUCK Good Lord, the smell — but he loves it!!!

7-Oh — and did I mention following Mommy around LOL!! Thanks again for all your hard work!! love,

*Kim ,Keith Barney an Scotty Baatz — PA*

Lance is doing well. He's become quite the snuggler whenever we sit and watch TV. He still acts like a puppy, always wanting to play. Phoebe keeps him busy, but puts him in his place when she's had enough of him. Lance is fascinated with the Christmas tree and has taken to removing the ornaments. However, he doesn't chew them. He only leaves them scattered in the living room. Thank you for an entertaining furry family member.

*Paula, Richard, Lance and Phoebe Belch - PA*

Hope you remember us, we adopted Teddy back around Halloween in 2006. I cant tell you how much we love him. I wanted to show you two pics of how he guards his new little sister, our daughter Cornelia, who was born last August. For the life of



me, I would have never guessed that Teddy would be the one to be the doting sibling. He kept watch over her bassinet in the early months like a sentinel, and as you can see in the pictures, he absolutely LOVES to be near her. While we are always vigilant due to our dogs' size, and simply because they are animals, they lick Cornelia's face often, and she in turn giggles like crazy anytime she sees them.

*Denise Mautone and Stephen Sweeney, Cornelia, Sophie and Teddy! — NJ*





# We Get Letters

Lucy is doing great! She sleeps all night, has had no accidents and has a ball playing with Monkey. She met the vet today, and has a super clean bill of health. We bought a supply of Frontline for her for the coming months.

She got to meet Ben's family and mine over the weekend and had all kinds of fun getting attention, hugs and kisses. We have also taken Lucy for car rides with Monkey twice so far, and she has done great. We thank you so much for providing such a wonderful girl! We will be sure to keep you all updated. Thanks for checking!

*Mary and Ben Quinn— DE*



Know that you have enhanced our every day by bringing us the terrific Tobey and magnificent Maggie. Maggie is still running circles around Tobey... at 13 years old! But Tobey is Chuck's most special friend and companion.

*Love, Chuck and Bill - NJ*

Charlie is doing great! What a great friend! I have attached some recent photos, Thanks

*Len and Gail Merlo - NJ*



Sofie has been with us only 4 days and she is already fitting in wonderfully! Every day she does something new that makes us laugh. Yesterday she was trying to "catch" the rain by standing on her hind legs and pointing her mouth toward the sky. She loves to nap in the guest room as you can see and always has to have a toy with her just in case she gets the urge to want to play. We still need to work on walking with a leash and jumping up on people, we start training next week. Other than that she is doing great and is loving her new home!

Thanks!

*Karin Weinert - PA*



## Jasmine Enos' Story -A warning to everybody to check your Vets and Groomers Policies

I'm writing this letter in hope to prevent another tragedy that we had to endure this past April. My name is Kathy Enos. I'm an active volunteer for Airedale Rescue and Adoption of the Delaware Valley. I got Jasmine from rescue in July of 2006. She came the whole way from North Carolina through Virginia rescue. Jasmine was the sweetest little girl, but she had trust and fear issues. I worked with her for two years and she had gotten much better.

Jasmine was the reason why I got involved in rescue. I got my first Airedale Missy back in 1995 and immediately fell in love with the breed. Missy was getting up in age, and thought I could give another Airedale a good home and thought of rescue. I also have a Catahoula/Coonhound from another rescue.

In March of this year I felt a small lump on Jasmine's side. After a check up at my former vets we decided to have it removed. I took Jasmine in for surgery the day before. When I dropped her off I warned them of her fears and for them to use extreme caution with her at all times. I was to pick her up at 2:00PM the next day. I got a phone call from my former vet saying that the Vet Tech had dropped Jasmine's lead and that she had gotten away and ran up on interstate 81 and was hit by a truck and killed instantly. I was totally devastated and still am. How could a vet's office let something like that happen? I thought my dog would be safe at his clinic. I was wrong.....and I have to live with the guilt that I did not keep Jasmine safe.

I have since then filed a complaint with the State Licensing board and Hillmount Animal Hospital no longer takes dogs outside unless they are being boarded there. I'm also still in litigation with the insurance company. I now go to a clinic that has a fenced in area so I have peace of mind that if any of my dogs would get away they have a fence.

So has a warning to all check with your vet and boarding kennel and even your groomer to see if they are taking your dogs outside. I would recommend that they have a fenced area or not take your pet outside at all.

I hope this prevents another tragedy from happening again.

*Kathy Enos—Carlisle, PA*





# We Get Letters



I thought I'd send a picture of our gal Jozie - enjoying a recent romp at the pooch park with her sis Moxie and some park buddies. I've got to tell you - she has become such a peach! She's mellowed *dramatically* in the last six months! People who meet her and are familiar with the Airedale breed often say, 'wow - she's really mellow for an Airedale!' And I laugh and say, well, you wouldn't have said that a year ago! I think a lot of that is Moxie's calming, mellow influence.

I still try to get them for a mile walk before work in the morning before I leave for the office - then I know she'll be good in the house while I'm at work. Once we're home - and on the weekends - she'll spend HOURS outside! Last Saturday when it was so warm - between 9 am and when we left for dinner at 7:00 pm - she couldn't have been inside the house more than a half-hour total during the day. She'll sit/lie by the gate for the longest time, waiting/watching for someone to walk up by and then be just delighted when it's one of her neighborhood friends coming by the back yard for a romp. Sometimes I'll look out the back windows when she's out there by herself - and she's just running around and tossing a ball and chasing after it - makes me smile!



Joz has been really good for Mox too - bringing out her playful-side even though she's 8-yrs old now. Moxie seems accepting of her, sometimes teasing her and romping with her, but always somewhat holding back a bit - almost like she just won't quite let Jozie get too close emotionally... interesting. But Mox always looks out for her in our back yard or at the park when play gets a little too rough. All in all, it's worked out just fine - and I'm ALWAYS sure that they both get the individual attention they need. Jozie thinks she's a lap-dog and I must admit that I don't do much to discourage that. She just seems to need about 20 minutes or a half hour lying against/on me after work each evening and makes funny little noises (almost cat-like?) while I snuggle with her.

[Did I tell you about] her second trip to the Outer Banks in September? She was, once again, SUCH a good girl all week. So sociable - always interested in her surroundings, always willing to meet new people & pooches! Gary's cousin and his wife were down there with us this time (they have 4 cats) and by then of the week, Jim was sitting on the sofa between the pooches saying 'these two make me think we need a dog!'

It's hard to believe that she'll be with us 2 years already in July! NO - she isn't perfect - still likes to rummage-around in the yard - thinks finding & chewing the straps off my bras is a sport (and that's obviously my fault for letting them in her reach) - still occasionally forgets that jumping-up on people isn't acceptable - But MAN - all-in-all - she's become quite the nice young lady. In the evenings, she'll go sit with her back against the side of Gary's leather chair and he puts his arm down around her, just rubbing her all over. She gets SUCH a pleased look in her face just because she's getting 'attention-from-the-pack-leader!' She just absorbs any attention she gets from him - I'm always hugging her, saying 'Joz - I'm so glad you decided to come here and stay with us!'

Sheri Keller — PA

This is a belated birthday donation in honor of our beloved Lillie, who turned two in February.

Lillie, a.k.a. Lillikins, is a delight and we're very glad to have her. Our 10 year old Airedales may not always agree... We got them from a local rescue group that saved them from being put down. They were very sick with a demodectic mange, but are as well now as older dogs can be.

Thanks for all that you do for Airedales! We really appreciate folks like you! Best regards,

Charlotte Ames Eichelberger - PA

We so enjoyed your Christmas poem... and *Starting Over* with all the information and enjoyable stories. We are down to one loving, crazy female Airedale. Casey. We often think of another, but she is 8 going on 4 - ALPHA - certainly not passive; in addition, she is still an escape artist. Continued good works,"

Gladys and Bill Murray and Casey - PA

It's hard to believe that we lost our beloved Shayna seven years ago and that Hans and Heide came into our lives shortly thereafter. They are now 12 and very different from when they came to us after losing their owner on 9/11 at the world trade center. Hans still loves Bryant's chair and recently set a personal best of 18 toys around him in the living room. Heide remains our Houdini dog - untwisting the chain link fence in the run and greeting us at the door. Taking the door off her crate at the vet's, etc. Basically they are healthy and silly. Best to you and all your Airedales past and present

Bryant and Fran Lubbs and our Airedales, Hans and Heide - PA





# We Get Letters



As soon as we got home Chase got out of the Jeep and locked in on the horses across the street. She couldn't take eyes off the activity in the ring. On a couple of the pictures I will send you, she is at full alert. What she is looking at are the horses in the ring. No barking at them, just wondering, what the heck is THAT? We read the paper you supplied on Trust. I promise, we will keep her on leash and keep her out of harms way.

We played in the yard, our next door neighbors (Laurie's brothers family) all came over to meet the new family member and Chase greeted them with all her Airedale friendliness. She does like the yard, checked out the entire fence line and never looked like she wanted to make a mad dash over. She made herself right at home sniffing all over the place. She is now on the couch, sound asleep.

We purchased the food that you recommended and so far she sniffed around it, but is not really interested in eating. She did munch on a couple of the biscuits you supplied. Not much of an appetite yet, but I think she will be OK. Maybe just needs time to get used to her new digs.

Today was a great day. We had a nice drive up, thought it was awesome how all the dogs just played together like little kids (actually better than kids!). I thought we were ready to get back into having a dog in the family, now that we are all at home, getting to know each other, I know we made the right decision.

I will keep you guys up to date on her progress, probably ask a ton of questions, but will also send a bunch of pictures. Thanks for what all you guys do and send us any suggestions that you think we may need. On our end, if we can be of any help in the future, do not hesitate to contact us. Keep in touch,

*The Buckley Family — PA*



Running a bit late writing this year - moving slowed me down. Not MURF; he's spry as ever (he'll be 10 in March), a very happy guy who's getting used to his new home. Wishing you all a GREAT New Year.  
*All the best, - John & MURF Jansen - NJ*

Thank you for everything you do for Airedales and most particularly for bringing Zoe into our hearts and lives. Though nothing is safe on a counter top, she brings happiness to the house. Best to you [all],

*Robin, Zoe and Chris Colman - NJ*

It's been a "ruff" year, but with Raleigh's love, I managed to get through it all. He is really a good boy and full of fun. Happy Holidays!  
*Pat and Raleigh Seybert - PA*

We want to write and update you about our little Lizzy. She is such a wonderful addition to our family, we cannot imagine life without her.

She still has her moments when she gets into things, but she does it with such tail wagging energy, you can't help but give her a hug ... sigh a little.... and clean it up later.

Lizzy and Max are the best of friends and are always playing together; he is now six, but you would think he was just a pup the way their always chasing each other, and playing, sometimes it seems like they think everything in the house are tug toys for them.

Lizzy has gained some weight. Our vet said she will always have a slimmer build than Max; she is 50 pounds now and our once chubby little Max has gone from 59 pounds down to 50

pounds.

We are both excited and worried about the Christmas tree this year... We have been trying to think of a way to hang it from the ceiling, ha-ha.

As I said, she still has her moments and we now think she always will as that is part of her personality. When we get home from work to find things not quite right we have to laugh, as Max sits there very straight backed, with a look on his face like I told her not to do it.... she on the other hand has her tail just wagging, bouncing around, as if to say, "see what I have done... cool, right?" Oh the life with Airedales..... need I say more....

We wish everyone a Health and Happy Airedale Christmas.

*The Farmans — Jim, Judy, Max, Lizzy — PA*





# We Get Letters



Addie is doing much better. It took her awhile to trust Bob. She is very sweet and healthy - probably my nicest Airedale.

I thank you for trusting me enough to bring this very fragile dog into our home. Have a Healthy and Happy 2009!  
*Linda Suklje and Addie - PA*

Toby and Duffy literally stopped traffic yesterday. While I was talking with a neighbor, Toby and Duffy were standing and sitting next to me. A woman stopped in her car and proceeded to praise them and ask me all about Airedales and Rescue for about half an hour. And, of course, the boys were splendid in their handsomeness and behavior.

*Sera and Mike Lurski - PA*

Lily is doing well. Becoming a little more playful. Still somewhat fearful. She will come to Bill. She did okay at her class. The last two weeks she enjoyed it more. The latest thing is at bedtime when they go out Lily thinks it should be playtime and they race around for ten minutes. I just know she is waiting for the snow drifts to bound around in.



*Judy Taylor - PA*

## PART TWO:

About a month after losing Caleb and feeling that we could not open our hearts to another rescue just yet, we agreed to foster an Airedale for New England Airedale Rescue for a short time. Well, he was not in good shape - dirty and matted, infections, overgrown nails, never out of the kitchen and no toys! By the time we cleaned him up and dealt with all of his medical problems, we couldn't give him up. "Jed" has found his forever home with us and is staying. He is nine years old and has a heart condition and yes, he is afraid of thunderstorms and needs to be held. But, together we are helping each other - he is helping us to mend a broken heart and we are teaching him the fun you can have when you bite into a toy that squeaks!



*Charlene and Ric Rohloff - CT*

Maggie Sue now has beds in the den, kitchen & upstairs! If I want to find Lucille - just have to find Maggie. Lucille is in love & maybe with me too! Maggie has been going all around the house & of course playtime is great until she can't keep her eyes open. I walk her twice a day & this morning she chased a squirrel up a tree - having a good time! Thanks for matching us up!

*Lucille and Russ Curtis - PA*

We cannot thank you enough for helping to place Penny with us. When we learned that we needed to put our beloved little girl, Prinny, to sleep, we were devastated. Her illness came on so suddenly... only 6 months to the day after we lost our one and only Barkeley (AKA Barkey Boy). It was such a horrible time for Joel and me. Oscar had never been an "only dog" and now he was faced with losing his two doggie companions. I immediately called you and pleaded for a new Airedale sister for Oscar. Lo and Behold, along came Penny.

Penny Sue has become such a wonderful addition to our family. Oscar took to her from the start. As soon as Deb brought her to our house, they began playing in the backyard. Penny doesn't let Oscar get away with anything. She gives as good as she gets even though she is 20 pounds lighter and very petite. Oscar doesn't seem to mind!

Penny came to us with some issues (urination, voracious appetite), but we didn't care. We fell in love with her right away. We have taken her for many medical tests and even to a specialist who finally diagnosed her with Cushing's Disease. Her treatment begins as soon as the medication comes from the compounding pharmacy in Scottsdale, AZ. She will then be monitored by the specialist and by our own vet.

Nothing can erase the giant hole in our hearts made by the loss of our most wonderful Airedales, Prinny and Barkey. However, we know that they are together in doggie heaven playing together and lying together in companionship just like they did for so many years in our house. We miss them more than words can say.

Penny Sue has helped heal our emotional wounds and we are forever grateful for that. She has become quite the "Daddy's Girl" and Joel just loves that! She is so totally cute... just like a cuddly teddy bear. She makes us smile.

Yesterday our son, Andrew, who is home on break from law school, brought Penny and Oscar to school so my students could meet them. They were such a hit!!! They performed their tricks and were the most well behaved Airedales!! Our principal, who has five English Bulldogs, came in to visit them. She had such a good time hugging Penny and Oscar. It really was a highlight of my students' day!

Please accept this donation on behalf of Barkey and Prinny and on behalf of our other Airedale children, Oscar Madison and Penny Sue.

Bless you for the work you do. Have a wonderful holiday season.

*Toby and Joel Shpigel - PA*

## A Rescue Dog's Poem

By Angel Wells

Once upon a time, you see, There was this little pup  
For reasons unbeknownst to me, His family gave him up

Maybe it was chewing Everything that he could find  
Maybe they were busy and Just didn't have the time

They took him to the shelter And they just left him there  
Outside, alone, in the cage Shivering and scared

Even though they knew inside If he went through those doors  
He may never have the chance To find a home like yours

He sat there crying silently Wondering what he did  
That was so bad that they just Had to leave him like they did

However fate was smiling On that little pup that day  
Because a lady saw him And she whisked him right away

He got a second chance at life That others may have not  
And now he's in a loving home With everything he wants

Every day he gets that love That he was looking for  
And silently is thankful for when She walked through that door

Others may not have this chance So open up your heart  
And adopt a rescue dog to take And give a brand new start

[We have taken the liberty of replacing the word Shelter with Rescue in the above poem, by  
Angel Wells.]