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Aire Faire III By Mike Lurski

"Life is merrier with an Airedale terrier," as a popular bumper sticker asserts, was never so true as on Sunday, June 19th, at our third annual Aire Faire, held at the home of our Airedale Rescue president, Joey Fineran.

The day began very positively with the local weather forecasters announcing that expected showers and storms were diverting south, thus promising what turned out to be a pleasant, sunny day. By 11 a.m., all was ready for the first arrivals, human and canine. Canopies, chairs, water bowls, and dog pens were in place. Deb Ciancarelli had hamburgers and hot dogs sizzling on the grill. Drinks were on ice. Salads, desserts, and covered dishes waited.

About forty rescue adopters and other Airedale owners, along with approximately two dozen Airedales, mostly rescues, and a Chihuahua, a poodle, and a giant Schnauzer showed up. Possibly because it was Fathers Day, attendance was down by about half compared to the two past years.

However, it was a welcomed occasion to once again meet or reacquaint oneself with other adopters, Rescue volunteers, Airedale owners and a variety of Airedales, all apparently thriving in their forever homes. Rescuers could find joy in seeing how healthy and happy were Airedales that once entered Res-

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cue in negative, sometimes horrific conditions. Lots of enjoyable conversation took place, mostly through the sharing of Airedale stories, a seemingly inexhaustible topic.

The dogs also had a chance to meet once another. There was no fighting between Airedales, just a few minor "disagreements," so it was very satisfying to see how well they all got along. There was a wide range of ages, sizes, physical features, and idiosyncrasies, though all the dogs shared two traits this day: good looks and excellent behavior.

Once everyone had arrived, and food and drink had been served, Deb left her grills to supervise games. Participating Airedales bedazzled the audience with an artful array of tricks, as well as by their cheese-catching (and cheese-eating) talents. The acts ranged from one Airedale's standing on his rear legs on command to another urinating on the "stage" steps railing (no command necessary). Prizes were awarded.

Immediately afterward, a group photo of owners and dogs was taken. Positioning everyone for this photo shoot proved to be a challenging task and entertaining sight. Typical Airedale stubbornness and curiosity ruled for a while, but eventually enough dogs, along with their owners, faced the cameras.

Many attendees visited Blooming'Dales, the on-site store featuring Airedale paraphernalia. Sales surpassed eight hundred dollars. In addition, a silent and then spirited live auction brought in over four hundred dollars. The long-awaited raffling off of the Airedale quilt attracted almost nine hundred dollars. This unique, highly valued quilt, the creation of Kate Hefright, was won by Frances Jarvis. And finally, various donations totaled almost twenty-five hundred dollars! One donation was promised for some expensive physical therapy for a recently rescued Airedale. The word "generous" understates this year's contributors. All of the money will be used for the needs of rescues, some of whom require extensive medical treat-

BLOOMING DALE





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But the main purpose of Aire Faire is to provide a fun opportunity for Airedale people and their wonderful dogs to mingle and have a good "Airedale Day." This goal seemed to have been met again this year, based on feedback from attendees.

Many thanks go out to all the volunteers who put in hours of preparation and work to make the event successful. Special thanks go out to Joey Fineran and Cindy Johnstonbaugh, Rescue vice-president and placement director, both of whom shared the brunt of the work. Thanks also to all the Airedale lovers who attended, who were so generous, and who shared their experiences and their Airedales with one another. After all, it's the dogs that really make the day worthwhile.

Rescue is currently planning to keep Aire Faire an annual event. However, in light of the much smaller attendance this year, and to retain the novelty and freshness of the day, there is some consideration of holding it every two years. This is where the event's organizers need some feedback from those who attend. If you have strong feelings one way or the other, please share them by e-mailing Joey Fineran at <u>Airedale911@ptd.net</u>.





CANINE LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Despite the threat of snow, hundreds, perhaps thousands, of dog lovers attended the 34th annual Canine Learning Experience at the Agricultural Hall on the Allentown Fairgrounds in Allentown, PA, on January 29th.

One of the primary purposes of this event is to provide a venue for the public to learn about various breeds as well as their rescue groups. Mike Lurski and Marie Chismar represented Airedale Rescue, sharing a booth with Bill Kochler and Brenda McCann of the Airedale Terrier Club of Greater Philadelphia. Dugan Chismar, Foster Kochler, and Louise McCann represented Airedales, eliciting many compliments for their exemplary behavior, friendliness, and rapport with the public, especially children. These three proved to be excellent "show" dogs.

Interest in rescued Airedales seemed less than in previous years, even though many people visited the booth, met the Airedales, and asked numerous questions about the breed. Of course, current and previous Airedale owners had many stories to share about their dogs. Perhaps, seeds of interest in adopting a rescued Airedale were planted during all the conversations.

Rescue is grateful, once again, to the Greater Philadelphia Airedale organization for its support of our efforts.

Mike Lurski

We had a great time this summer at the Airedale Fun Day... absolutely wonderful to be surrounded by so many Airedales. Hope it's a bit cooler next year! We want to thank you for the wonderful work you do. From the last newsletter, it sounds like you have lots of dogs [with medical expenses, so] hope this check will help some.

Gayle Woodman and Nance Miraldi – PA

In memory of Toti, I'm enclosing a small amount so you can get your furry friends a treat for Christmas. I've loved every dog who was part of my life, but Toti was that special "once in a lifetime pet." I still think about her a lot and miss her and I know Bob does, too. With love,

Bob and Marianne Puntel – PA

Greta is sending a donation for Christmas treats for her rescue friends. She is a very busy, lovable girl and the center of our home. She is not going to win a bikini contest, as she is a solid 70 pound dynamo. Truly, she has the power and strength of a "mini" bull. However, we love each other unconditionally and are most grateful for the work of Airedale Rescue. Our wishes are for your continued blessings in 2011.

Ann and Greta — PA

I am enclosing a contribution to Airedale Rescue in memory of my father, Anthony J. Smeltzer, Sr. for the great assistance you gave me in the placing of his beloved dog, Ty - "Tony Tioga Hammond Smeltzer. It was very difficult decision to make in surrendering Ty, but I knew it was the right decision. Ty was a loving companion to my father after the loss my of my mother and brought him much joy.

Cindy S. G. – PA

Please accept this donation on behalf of our dog Gibson. The work that Airedale Rescue does is amazing and fully appreciated. 2011 is bringing some change for us. Bob received a promotion at work and we are relocating to Seattle. We are sad to be leaving NJ, but excited for a new adventure. We hope Gibson will like his new home!

We are hoping to find an Airedale group to join when we get out there. We love being a part of Airedale Rescue and hope to return to the NJ area after two years. Much health, happiness and love in the new year -

Heather, Bob and Gibson Coon - NJ/WA

Airedale Rescue and Adoption of the Delaware Valley is going "green!"

To save on paper and postage, if you would like to stay informed via email on upcoming events and our newsletter, please send an email to: Joey Fineran - <u>Airedale911@ptd.net</u> with the subject line saying: **Airedale Rescue** Your email address will be placed in our database for future mailings. You can find all of our newsletters on our website at any time. **One big advantage is that the electronic version is in color!**

Your address will not be sold, shared, or used for anything other than Airedale Rescue and Adoption of the Delaware Valley.

Heartfelt Thanks

Contributions have been received from these ardent supporters:

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Pete Johnstonbaugh Nicholas Fineran Max Fineran Charlie Hinks Pearly Mae Smith Daisy Harding Jake McNabb Sir Spencer Shpigel Ruby Wolf Bentley Wolf Tarzan Nonemaker Maggie Magge Maughan Reese Gallos Maddie Elianusky

Live Auction Items from Aire Faire:

A very special thank you to Linda Meyer for donating her handmade Wooly-Dales, one sculpture, an Airedale on a rug with a ball and the other an exquisite handbag. Crafted from the hair of her own Airedales.

Likewise a very special thank you to Robin Colman for her hours of work on her perfect and perfectly framed needlepoint donation.

Silent Auction Items for Aire Faire came from Sarah Bullock, Ann Kessler, Cindy Johnstonbaugh A STANDING OVATION from all of us to Kate Hefright for creating the beautiful "A" is for Airedale quilt we raffled off at the Faire. It brought in over \$800!!

We are Collecting items for Montgomery Weekend Bazaars to benefit Airedale Rescue

If you have any Airedale item that you can bear to part with - and that's not too heavy to ship - please consider donating it to Airedale Rescue for the [two!] Bazaars on Montgomery Weekend. We will be not only at Montgomery itself this year, but also at the Devon Dog Show, an all-breed show with upscale vendors which draw many shoppers.

It's hard to part with anything Airedale, but you'll feel less sad about not having it if you donate that item to Rescue to help save those hundreds of Airedales who find themselves homeless every year. If you have items to donate, pack them up and send them to:

Ms. Joey Fineran 1189 Lonely Cottage Road Upper Black Eddy, PA 18972

Please attach a piece of paper with a suggested price for your item. I'm terrible about pricing and have not time to investigate. I will, however, tag your item with the proper information.

"Airedales Waiting for Homes" - see the list on page 13



HEART

Leia came to us three years ago at the age of 11. Her family was being relocated to Boston and could not take her with them.

Leia had three wonderful years playing with Juno and Jackson, taking walks and begging for cookies.

Last night she passed away quietly after a long bout with congestive heart failure. Dee and I are going to miss her. Sincerely

Tom and Dee Marino — PA

Molly became ill in early January. I took her to the vet, but the physical exam was negative. Later she quit eating and drinking. This time we did a lab panel and an abdominal X-ray that showed a fairly large abdominal tumor, plus an enlarged spleen. In surgery they found multiple metastatic tumors, and no hope.

I am sooooooooooo sad... I'm sure she hasn't felt well for a while, but it became evident so quickly. I am in so much pain... Tincture of time will heal me. Thanks for your support

Barbara Osgood-WV





Molly and Alex, in happier days

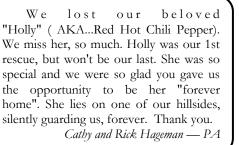


In Loving Memory Penny Shpigel Elliot Harding Molly Osgood Harmony Magee Leia Marino Zelda Shepard Tallulah Share Ripley Nonemaker Maya Schramek Albe Matson Scudder Ferrara Pru Friday Winston Lorene Lily Canter-Swift

With a heavy heart, I'm writing to tell you that our dearest Tallulah died suddenly on Dec. 19th. She had had her sixth knee surgery three weeks before and was recovering nicely. She was barking for her dinner - as usual - fell down, and was gone. She was the center of the universe, gregarious, funny, loving, demanding and everything an Airedale should be. We are blessed to have had her in our lives. As I'm sure you know, the grief comes in waves and I'm learning that you never really get over it. Time passes and life offers its distractions and, with luck, other opportunities to love and be loved. We're very lucky to have Zoe, the Lab mix our friend gave up, to keep us busy.

Thank you very much for the work you do and for entrusting us with Boudica and Tallulah. They've enriched our lives beyond measure. Love,

Bonny Hart and Paul Share - NYC



We're sending a donation to Airedale Rescue in memory of Zelda. She passed away last winter at the age of 13. We adopted her at about age six months while she was being fostered by Lynne Jensen. Zelda was a wonderful dog, loved by everyone and is extremely missed.



Mindy and Bob Shepard — PA

STRINGS



Our Rescue doggie, Ripley, had to be put to sleep on Monday and as you can imagine, we are so sad. He would be 13 in February. He was in such good health up until about last July when he started to show signs of fatigue. We found out he had a mass on his intestines in November. I had read that it is hard to tell when Airedales are sick because they always seem happy and don't complain. I'm afraid that is the case with ours. Some time ago on Dec. '08 you published my story about our Airedale called The Ten Year Old Puppy. This time, though, I'm sending you a poem my son wrote in memory of Rip. We knew his time would be short and so I asked him to please start planning a poem. I'm very thankful that our son could put these memories in such a way. Today for the first time since Rip died, I started thinking about having another Airedale rescue doggie! Sincerely,

Krista Nonemaker

The Homecomer

by Walter A. Nonemaker

Life is such a mystery, An e'er-unfolding tapestry, We leap and reach in buoyant glee, For bright hopes that may one day be.

One warm, effulgent morn in May, A life dawned midst lengthening days, Midst vibrant colors, grand displays, The young Wayfarer pranced our way.

With gallant gate and kingly bay, This homeless boy showed no dismay, Nor did delay to play and lay; Our new-found friend was home to stay!

Our Homecomer was hard to train, And e'er rambunctious in his games, Not heeding us when called by name, And yet he loved us all the same.



RIPLEY NONEMAKER February 1998 -December 20, 2010

Our friend and brother brought us joy, And eagerly destroyed his toys, He weathered sicknesses and scars, And journeyed far in the car-car, And so together we all aged, Filling each photo album's page, Unto the shortening of days, Homecomer's strength began to wane...

Most vibrant colors fade to gray, So on one windswept, winter day, The Homecomer traipsed off to play, Continued on his merry way...

Life is such a mystery, An ever-ebbing, soulful sea, Reminiscent melancholy, All that remain are memories,

Now, whether in a restful shade, Or nascent lands of endless day, Whether he sleep, or play, or bay, Our Little Boy is home to stay.

"...a boy or a man makes an unspoken pact with himself when he gets a dog. A good, intelligent, deep-feeling dog will give him years of fine comradeship, and when they part, the man fulfills the pact with his own feelings of sorrow and loss." from the book "Taps," by Willie Morris (author of "My Dog Skip)

I adopted Harmony about 9 years ago. I had to put him to sleep on Friday. I've had to put dogs to sleep before, but I never felt the sorrow that I have losing Harmony.

Every day with Harmony was an adventure. He was my constant companion. I could not even go to the bathroom with out him right beside me. Sometimes now I forget myself and think that he is laying on floor beside me. He was HUGE and he left a huge whole in my heart.

I wanted to thank you all for all that you do. I don't even know you and you made a significant difference in my life by granting me the chance to have Harmony. Thanks Again

Doris and Jack Magee — PA

We just got home and we are sad to say that our beloved Elliott has crossed over the Rainbow Bridge to join our beloved Bootsie, Snickers, Chloe, Bubba, Anna and Gizzy the cat.

With tears in our eyes Soldier, Pat & Bob Harding - NJ



For Your Information

I thought some people might be interested in some health problems we've had recently with our rescue Airedale Gertie. She is 13 now, and has been treated for chronic kidney disease since 2009 with no change or slow-down in her behavior. In October, I noticed some lumps around her neck and shoulders, and took her in to see the vet. After a biopsy, the diagnosis was Lymphoma. Our vet told us this is one of the most treatable forms of canine cancer.

The treatment regimen he came up with is:

- Injection of Vincristine, once a week for four weeks, then every 3 weeks (used since 1963 as a cancer drug, it is derived from Vinca plants)
- Cyclophosphamide pills, once a day for 4 days, then repeating at 3 week intervals (studied for use on lymphomas in the 1950's)
- Prednisone pills (seems to be used for almost everything, but is also effective against tumors, leukemia, and lymphoma)

The good news is she started feeling better immediately. She was really miserable the last few days before starting all this, but she was starting to look more comfortable and play around a little the same afternoon after the first injection. The bad news is they said these meds may lose effectiveness and the lymphoma could come back, probably in 10 to 12 months, and there is a risk of damaging her bone marrow. None of that has happened yet.



After six months of that treatment, she was declared officially in remission, and discontinued the chemotherapy. Just in time, because she was getting worn down; she refused to eat for days after a treatment, and her fur was thinning out. She still seems weak and a little frail, but she's slowly gaining strength and energy. Her fur is coming back in, and her strength has come back enough to start going on walks again. She'll even start a wrestling match with Dash once in a while, but it doesn't last long. All is not perfect, because she has been having problems with diarrhea, and she is not eating well. She has been a picky eater from day one, though, and since she isn't losing weight, we've decided not to worry about that. We'll keep a lookout for a relapse, but it looks like she'll be with us for a good while longer.

Keith Johnson - DE

FYI

Dog Heatstroke Survival Guide

FYI

Know how to treat and prevent this dangerous condition By Robert Newman

What is heatstroke?

In simple terms, heatstroke occurs when a dog loses its natural ability to regulate its body temperature. Dogs don't sweat all over their bodies the way humans do. Canine body temperature is primarily regulated through respiration (i.e., panting). If a dog's respiratory tract cannot evacuate heat quickly enough, heatstroke can occur.

To know whether or not your dog is suffering from heatstroke (as opposed to merely heat exposure), it's important to know the signs of heatstroke. A dog's normal resting temperature is about 100.5 to 102.5 degrees Fahrenheit. Once a dog's temperature rises above 105 degrees, physiological changes start to take place, and the dog begins to experience the effects of heatstroke. At 106 to 108 degrees, the dog begins to suffer irreversible damage to the kidneys, liver, gastrointestinal tract, heart and brain.



For Your Information

If a dog is experiencing heatstroke, you may observe excessive panting; hyperventilation; increased salivation; dry gums that become pale, grayish and tacky; rapid or erratic pulse; weakness; confusion; inattention; vomiting; diarrhea; and possible rectal bleeding. If the dog continues to overheat, breathing efforts become slowed or absent, and finally, seizures or coma can occur.

The amount of damage a dog sustains when stricken with heatstroke depends on the magnitude and duration of the exposure. The longer and more severe the exposure, the worse the damage will be.

What to do

1. Pay attention to your dog. Recognizing the symptoms of heatstroke and responding quickly is essential for the best possible outcome.

2. Get into the shade. Apply cool water to the inner thighs and stomach of the dog, and to the foot pads, as well.

3. Use running water. A faucet or hose is the best way to wet down your dog's body – submerging in a pool could cool the dog too rapidly.

4. Use cool water, not cold water or ice. Extremely cold water slows blood flow, thus slowing the cooling process.

5. Don't cover the dog, or enclose him in a kennel. Moving air will help the water being placed on the dog evaporate and cool his skin. Sitting with the wet dog in a running car with the air conditioner blowing is an ideal cooling situation.

6. Keep the dog moving, to keep the blood circulating.

7. Allow the dog to drink small amounts of water, but **don't allow the dog to gulp water**. **Instead**, offer small amounts of water that's cool, but not cold. If the dog drinks too much water too rapidly, it could lead to vomiting or bloat.

8. Don't give human performance drinks. Canines need a different mix of electrolytes. If you can't get an overheated dog to drink water, try offering chicken- or beef-based broths.

See a veterinarian

Once your dog's temperature begins to drop, cease the cooling efforts and bring the dog to a veterinarian as soon as possible. Your dog's temperature should be allowed to slowly return to normal once cooling has begun. A dog that's cooled too quickly may become hypothermic. Even if your dog appears to be fully recovered, the veterinarian needs to check to determine if the heatstroke caused any damage to your dog's kidneys and liver. The effects of heatstroke can continue for 48 to 72 hours longer, even if your dog appears normal.

William Grant, DVM, a veterinarian for 20 years and former president of the Southern California Veterinary Medical Association, has treated hundreds of cases of heatstroke, ranging from mild to fatal. According to Grant, the most common cause of death following heatstroke is Disseminated Intravascular Coagulopathy (blood coagulating throughout the body), or DIC, which can occur hours or days after the heatstroke episode.

DIC can also be caused by pyometra or septicemia, but Grant says heatstroke is the most common cause. "Once a dog develops DIC, it may bleed in the thorax, abdomen, nose and intestine," Grant says. "Once the blood-clotting factors are consumed, there is an inability of the blood vessels to prevent leaking; the condition is almost always fatal." For this reason, follow-up veterinary care is essential following a heat-stroke episode, even if your dog seems to be completely fine. Prevention is the best medicine. The best treatment for heatstroke is prevention. Especially during the summer months, it's essential to be aware of the potential for heatstroke. Knowing the signs of heatstroke, and taking the necessary steps to prevent it, will ensure your dog can have a safe and active life year-round.

- Why It's Great to Be a Dog
 1) No one expects you to take a bath every day.
 2) If it itches, you can scratch it.
 3) There's no such thing as bad food.
 4) A rawhide bone can entertain you for hours.
 5) If you grow hair in weird places, no one notices.
 6) You can lie around all day without worrying about being fired.
 7) You don't get in trouble for putting your head in a stranger's lap.
 8) You're always excited to see the same people.
 9) Having big feet is considered an asset.
 10) Puppy love can last.

Dog 'understood' master's death

REPRINTED FROM: ANIMAL DOCTOR DR. MICHAEL FOX

Dear Dr. Fox: I'm writing in re-sponse to your recent column about how a "dog's devotion to master can lead to the grave." It is similar to what occurred with our golden retriever more than 20 years ago when my hus-band died at 46 after a fouryear battle with cancer. During my husband's illness, our dog Friday never left his side. He obviously knew something was wrong and was devoted to his master.

After my husband's death (in the hospital), Friday sat at the front door all day, every day, whining and wait-ing for my husband's return. He stopped eating and wouldn't leave the front hallway. He refused to play with our children, whom he loved, because "guard duty" was his only purpose. My heart was breaking for this dog.

After one week of watching Friday's vigil, I decided to help him understand what happened. Hesitantly, Friday left his post and got into the car with me. His car behavior was unusual: He paced from window to window looking everywhere for my husband. I drove to the cemetery, and we walked together toward my husband's gravesite. As we got closer, Friday pulled away from me and ran directly to my husband's grave. He lay down on the grave, closed his eyes, and just stayed there, quietly. I didn't try to talk to Friday or to disturb him. After an hour, Friday got up and walked over to me, using his mouth to hand me his leash. He was ready to go home.

After we arrived home, be kept kissing my hands as if to say "thank you" and never again sat by the front door waiting for my husband to return home. He now understood. Although obviously sad, his behavior returned to normal and he began eating again. In time, he healed as we did.

Dr. Fox says: Many readers will join me in thanking you for this remarkable example of giving a dog closure with regard to your husband, whom Friday thought was perhaps still alive. Your devoted dog clearly advances our understanding of how much some dogs really do know and feel.

Send questions for Dr. Fox to United Features Syndicate. 200 Madison Ave. New York. NY 10016. Visit his website at www.twobitdog.com/drfox

Help Stop Your Dog From Crying When Left Alone

From an article by Jennifer Warner, Director of Shelter Outreach for Adopt-a-Pet.com (and foster mom to many dogs who cried at first when left alone!)

Howwrroooooooo!!!! Sad, lonely, anxious or bored — dogs that aren't happy when you leave can make a lot of noise trying to let you know! Your dog may have felt "abandoned" before, and if he's not wellbalanced through training, routine and exercise, losing his protector can feel unbearable. The good news is there are lots of things you can try that can reduce and eliminate crying when left alone!

- 1. Set a reliable daily ROUTINE. Some newly adopted dogs may vocalize at first when they are left alone, as they are getting used to their new home. Putting them on a very consistent, reliable routine and giving them time to adjust can help vocalization subside with time.
- Give regular DAILY exercise. Unspent energy builds up in a dog (just like a human kid) and needs to come out somehow. Take him for a walk right before you leave. Or, engage in an intense play session or other exercise. Make it long enough to tire him out, so he'll be more likely to sleep while you are gone.
- 3. Leave the TV or radio on when you leave. A talk radio station or a news TV channel with people talking general works the best. If you have a CD player, definitely check out <u>Through A Dog's Ear</u> the Adopt-a-Pet.com staff uses this for their anxious dogs and they really help!
- 4. Give him a "food puzzle" toy. Give it to him right before you go, so he will be busy trying to get the food out of them while you are gone - they even make tiny ones for dogs his size!
- 5. Desensitize him to your leaving. You want to "fake" him out by for the next dozen times you leave, only go down the hallway to your front door, then come back... then go down the hallway and wait 5 minutes, then come back... then actually leave. He will then think that you are coming back right away and will be less likely to cry. Make sure to combine this with #6....
- 6. Don't make a big deal about leaving. When you are getting ready to leave, gather up your things, and leave as if you are coming right back no hugs, kisses, or dramatic farewell. This just gives him a huge alert that you're leaving, possibly forever an hour can feel like forever to a dog!
- 7. Don't make a big deal when you come home. Fol-

low the same low-key no big deal when you return. Ignore any attention-seeking (jumping, going crazy) and only reward your dog with calm love and affection when they are ALSO calm, at least 5 minutes after you've come home. (You can take them outside immediately if they have to go potty, but do so calmly without fanfare, as you'd do if you'd been home already.)

- 8. Crate train. Use our crate training article to crate train properly. Then to help reduce crying when left, put your dog in his crate a few minutes before you go to work, and then leave without saying anything.
- 9. Try natural homeopathic anxiety remedies. The brand that I've used that helps my thunderstorm terrified dog the most (and it helps humans too actually!) is Rescue Remedy. They sell it at whole foods and at many pet stores too. http:// www.rescueremedy.com
- 10. Thundershirt -- I've heard from one rescuer I know that this can work miracles on dogs that cry when left alone due to anxiety. You can order online at <u>http://www.thundershirt.com</u>

Try our top 10 ideas, to see what works best for your dog — every dog is an individual and responds differently! Crying when left alone is a common problem, especially for a dog in a new home. There are more complex "desensitizing" training that can be done too, but it takes more time - and instructions!

As a last resort... There are even medications (commonly called "doggie Prozac") your vet can prescribe that will definitely help, (there are occasional side-effects, so proceed with caution.) I've also known emergency situations (the dog was going to lose their home) where using a humane bark collar that sprays when the dog barks has worked instantly, but with other dogs it only increases their anxiety and others who quickly figure out just how loud they can cry & whimper without setting it off. I mention those in case all the above has failed you, and are at the point where you will try anything to be able to keep your dog quiet so you can keep your dog.

Written by Jennifer Warner, Director of Shelter Outreach for Adopt-a-Pet.com and foster home to many dogs who cried at first when left alone! So what do I think of Cairo, Egypt? Let's get one thing straight, right out of the starting gate (even though I'm not a Greyhound haha). Cairo's "fly-over" territory, as far as I'm concerned.

And to add insult to injury, the day after I arrived, they had the first torrential rainstorms, complete with thunder and lightning, in ten years. Like, thanks for the sour persimmons (whatever those are-- it's what Mom always says when we get a raw deal). Which meant I had to be bathed every time I came home from a walk and listen to Mom rant about no drainage and the filthiest dirt and sand she'd ever seen, bla, bla, bla. We even got caught in a hail storm, the day Dad told Mom it wasn't going to rain any more! Mom dragged me to this goofy thing she called a grape arbor across the street from where we were when all hell broke loose, and so we just had lots of random muddy drops dripping on us-- I sure don't remember any muddy rain in Philly.

Mom and Dad don't seem to be able to find those dog runs in Ma'adi that the expat guide books talked about in such glowing terms. I should know, since we've been pounding the pavement up and down and all around the neighborhoods where one would make sense, and... zilch, zip, nada. Lots of fun, though -- even more stuff to bark than we all had at the Chester Avenue Dog Park: motor cycles with interesting cargo-- one passed us today driven by this huge pile of house plants-- go figure! The street cleaner ladies with their green uniforms pushing red barrels on push carts and their funky straw brooms for re-arranging the dust and sand, dogs like me being walked by people like Mom, etc.

Which brings me to my next beef (I'd be a lot happier if it was, haha!). There's a limit to where we can walk without being hassled by the local gangs. Random stray pit bulls in SW or N Philly, wild dogs in Cairo-- what's the difference? Mom says she's not taking anything for granted anymore: and skip the pebbles that the guidebooks suggest carrying along to scare stray dogs -- Mom now has a collection of righteous rocks in her waist -pack.

We've also had a little personal conflict over home security, Mom and Dad and I, especially in the evenings. Anyway, it always sounds to me as if someone's trying to get into the apartment. They keep telling me that it's only the elevator door right next to our front door, but not our door and I shouldn't worry and they try to make me be quiet, which is TOTALLY against Airedale principles! Egyptians like dogs that bark, it makes them feel safe.

Just to be fair, not everything is terrible here. For one thing, Egyptians like GIANT furniture, so I can get extra comfy on the easy chairs, not just the sofa. The down side of that is that she now has a thing for brushing and washing my paws EVERY time we come in from outdoors....Sigh...Mom says something about taking the bad with the good...

And the Hitchen counters are extra low, which means that I've had some good luck "Fishing" for something more interesting to eat than dog food. Except that Mom has discovered this high open shelf and the fact that she can put my water bowl in the corridor and shut the Hitchen door tight....Darn!

Oh, and before I forget -- the trip here wasn't too bad. Mom told Dad that she got really nervous for me when the plane started bumping a lot, but the Lufthansa baggage people were really nice to me in Frankfurt. Turned out they fed me too (love that German Hibble!) and took me out, so all in all, I wasn't feeling too bad when we got to Cairo. Trust me, the worst was yet to come.... Yours truly,

Your Frodo - Egypt (a long way from Philadelphia, PA!)

Life continues to be wonderful, for each day we play, we eat, we sleep - but most of all we are so loved by our mom and dad and brothers and sisters. Life is good - for all of us! Bless you for finding us a great home. love and licks,

> Sam and Max (and Robby, Annie, Maggie and our people, Mike and AnneMarie) -NJ

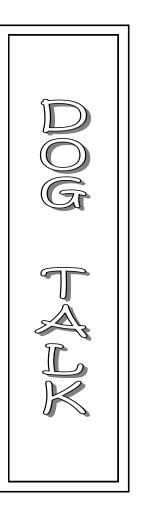


Airedales Still Waiting for Homes

- Reese (6) He is a wonderful mature male who wants to take long walks with his new family. He loves car rides and playing with balls. He has a harsh red coat so he doesn't have a lot of leg furnishings and that makes him low maintenance! He is good with kids and other dogs.
- **Riley** (4) He is a typical Airedale, who is ready to go to his new home. He is good with kids, other dogs, but needs to attend some obedience classes to fine tune his walking on a leash. He is full of energy and likes to bark to express his opinions about what's going on around him. He is standard size and has a grizzle coat.
- Headly (12) stray; came to us in very bad shape; spent six weeks with Dr. Jamison before he was well enough to be neutered. He still has trouble breathing in the very hot, humid weather and after undue exertion. However, he does his business in short order, is always wagging his tail and glad to have his dog bed (in my hallway) to lie down on. He eats very well and is clean. He gets along with some dogs, but not all (HATES Pokemon, for instance) — and not with cats. Loves to be loved.
- **Pokemon** (11) Very nice. Good with some dogs, but hates Headly, so not good with all dogs. Loves to play with and fetch balls. Good eater. Clean. Was outside dog who does NOT want to be outside without human. Afraid of thunder/gunshots.
- **Bebe** (1) Stray; friendly, VERY good ball fetcher; Cindy's is teaching her a few things (like not to jump up on people) and evaluating behavior with other dogs, etc..
- Sadie Mae (4) Sadie Mae is a shining example of the strong Airedale spirit. Despite having a broken leg which was not properly treated, and being left outside in winter with this injury tied to her doghouse, she retained her sweet disposition and is very devoted to her foster family. . Her leg was amputated on July 29th. The doctors [at Penn] are giving her an excellent prognosis, as she is handling her limited mobility now like a champ. Sadie enjoys lying in the sun, playing catch and being a large lapdog. She gets along with all dogs large & small as well as cats! She is gentle with children and she listens & obeys very well. She is truly a lovely dog who deserves the best.

Sadie Mae would love a home with a nice yard and will not need long walks but exercise will be important to keep her front leg strong. We will know more about the recommendations soon after her surgery. She is about four years old and is in good health otherwise, so the surgery will just be a step towards a happy future for Sadie Mae! (Written by Deb Ciancarelli, who fostered Sadie for months.)

More coming in weekly- call for updates







Just a note to say I am sending my best regards and a small token for my always Friends of Airedale Rescue — and how I wish I were younger and could start all over again. Love,

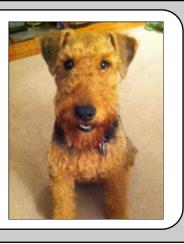
Betty Gehron - PA

Abby & Chief are well. We have Abby on glucosamine/ chondroitin and vitamins daily. She does a mile or so on the walk, then comes in and flops on the floor till Mike picks her up. Then she acts like a little puppy.

Linda Pirolli — NJ

I took this picture tonight. Fergus is so beautiful! He's on the small side, but has filled out beautifully. We may come [to the Aire Faire] on Sunday if I get the chance.

Eric O'Brien — PA



Sadie and MacDuff are both doing wonderful. I can't believe that Sadie is 10 years old! She is such a sweet lady but she does rule the roost, even with us. LOL. MacDuff knows who is boss and that he should NEVER argue. She just states her wish and he acquiesces. They play together a lot. I would say to anyone wanting to have an Airedale that there should be two. I think they keep each other young.

Alan takes them both for a nice walk every day. They play in their big backyard also which is fenced in. The deer come right down into the back property we have because our border is the National Park border. S & McD bark at them sometimes but they don't worry about it anymore. I think they have figured out that the dogs cannot get outside the fence.

Spring is finally coming to Bar Harbor. Yesterday was 53 degrees and the snow is just about gone now. Some plants are poking through the ground and we have covered them with pine boughs to keep them safe til the warm weather is here permanently.

Here is a picture of Sadie and MacDuff wanting to come in after playing in the snow this winter. Best Regards, Marie Bartsch AND a woof and lick from Sadie and MacDuff — ME

Thanks for all your help in getting this guy into rescue. So far I haven't hit on a name that gets any response from him. He may become Buddy. (*Editors note: He was actually renamed Pete.*) He is a real great old Airedale and is fitting in well with my other two. He tolerated being groomed, bathed, and then gently ate his dinner. He has had a real big day. Thanks again, *Cindy Johnstonbaugh - PA*







I want to thank you again for Airedale Rescue's rule about fencing. Now that spring is here, critters are all over the place...Ellie flies around the play yard with a vengeance to get out and "get them". Thank goodness the fence keeps her safely inside.

We're celebrating our first year (plus a month) anniversary with Ellie. She is such a well-mannered, gentle soul that we felt we could treat us all with a new sofa. It was delivered today and she gave it the first test run and approved and has been there since.



Our groomer fell and broke her wrist in two places, so we had to find another for the short-term and she gave her the popular puppy cut, which eliminated the "Airedale". In her defense, three dogs showed up for grooming at once and it was very noisy with Ellie putting in her two cents worth as well.

Ellie has brought us much joy and laughter. She's great with the grandkids, our cats, and her German Shepherd cousin. We're still working on the French Bulldog puppy cousin (my son's). She continues to appreciate her treats with multiple barky "thank yous." A big THANK YOU for selecting us to be her parents.

Betsy and Bill King - PA

Steve fell two times and has been on short term disability for back pain. It actually was good for Ace and Lilly because he was home keeping them company and he was supposed to walk so they have had many great walks. We love them!!! Right now they are on the bed draped over my legs as I type. I love feeling their presence. Ace is talking — he is very expressive. We have made changes to the house for their benefit and ours--the next being putting the back yard into playground mulch so they can play without all the mud and dangerous ice that formed.

We also had a dog trainer come to the house to show us some things. She had a company make a specially designed walking harness for Ace, which works very well. He is incredibly strong! They are our family now — we couldn't be happier. They have very different personalities, but both very affectionate and loving. I hope you recover quickly. It was a tough winter with the ice; I am looking forward to wonderful walks in the spring. Lilly and Ace say thank you, as we do, for all of your efforts on their behalf and ours! You have added greatly to our lives!

Cathy Shields - PA

Thank you, everyone, who had a part in making Aire Faire III a success! I am amazed at the generosity, especially in these economic times.

Makes me wonder: are kind souls attracted to Airedales, or do Airedales bring out the best in us?

Kate Hefright - PA

Tobey, our wonderful reformed juvenile delinquent, is still the backbone of the household, now close to six years old. In March, after Maggie was gone, we had the opportunity to adopt three-year-old Lucy. A better name cold not have been chosen for that crazy redhead! She won our hearts quickly, but she tested our patience constantly — and often exhausted our patience... and us. After a wild and challenging first few months, Lucy has finally integrated into the cadence of our household. Tobey spent the first evening sulking, when he first realized that going to meet Lucy in PA wasn't just a play date, and she was coming home with us. But in the morning, Lucy's natural playfulness had her engaging Tobey, and it's been a non-stop play-fest between those two ever since.

So we thought our household was stabilized with two Airedales in residence, but again the universe had other ideas for us. In late August, we were made aware of a 14 year old who needed a home. We, being soft touches, had to give Molly a home. She is definitely the current dowager in residence, but she doesn't act elderly by any means what-soever. We thought her stay in our home might be very brief, but so far it's not looking that way, lucky for us all.

Chuck and Bill - NJ





Some friends of ours have five year old twins- Chloe and Chase. Both are crazy about Punkin and PJ. Punkin is very good with them but it is PJ who truly loves to play with them. He never tires of them and will play all day always obviously mindful of his size compared to theirs. I send the kids all kinds of Airedale themed stuffed animals but it was their mom who located these large Airedale stuffed animals near their home in Gordanville, Virginia. They carry them everywhere and tell everyone about Airedale Terriers. It is nice to see children who are being raised right!!! I hope someday they have an Airedale of their very own. Meanwhile, Punkin and PJ will fill in.

I cried as usual when I read "Starting Over." Thank you again for all your hard work. Best regards,

Maureen Williamson – MD

Chase turns 3 today! We are going to my sister's house and Chase is coming along with us. Can't leave her alone on her birthday.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and all your crew. Dan and Laurie Buckley - PA

Thank you for the amazing work you do; you give Christmas all year long to Airedale lovers like us! Robin, Chris and Zoe Colman - NJ

Just a note to let you know how much Ann and I enjoyed the Aire Faire. It was a real special day all around. Meeting great people and all those wonderful rescued Airedales! Thanks again,

Ron and Ann



Here's Bentley, sound asleep! He's such a cool dog and you're right - really smart! Alison and Michael Wolf - PA

Jacob has proven himself to be an A-1 farm dog. Unlike other years, we have not lost one chicken since his arrival. The fox and the coyotes are well aware of this presence. He patrols during the day and will get up at night if he fears an invasion. we are so confident of his devotion that we are still free-ranging the flock. We put Jacob on the diet that [David Falk] recommended (one chicken quarter leg, raw, daily) and he is thriving. His winter coat is in, but I did trim his eyebrows to see his expressive, soulful eyes.

He is great with the grand kids - fetches balls, cleans up spilled food, etc. He ignores the cats and, in general, is our pride and joy. Thank you for bringing us together.

Gail and Dan Cochran - NY

Dixie is doing very well — happy, healthy and full of herself.

She is the great hunter. Her self designated job is "keeper of the garden." She spends almost all of her time chasing and looking for the resident squirrels.

This winter past [2010] was a very bad one for me. [Due to the health issues of both my husband and me for several months last year], Dixie didn't get the attention she needed . Prior to that, Dixie was learning to walk on the leash without taking me for a walk. As you can imagine, we are right back to square one. The fact is I really can't take her for walks because there are too many other dogs in the area, some of which are allowed to roam, and Dixie does not take too well to others in her way. I would love to have gone to your Airedale picnic so you can see how well she is doing, but I'm afraid she would want to take over and be the "big boss."

In closing I want you to know she is the light of my life. I love her as much as Amy, and believe me, no two dogs could be more different. When I lost Amy it took me years to even think about another, but I am glad that you were there and brought another lovely Airedale into my life. Fondly,

Sharon Balas - NJ



Rugby has had a bad year. He almost died this summer. He broke into the guest room at the shore and ate 100 Vitamin D pills. They are very toxic to dogs!! I rushed him to the vet, who emptied his stomach. Then he sent us to a specialist. They gave him an I-V. He perked up after that.

We'd gone out to breakfast. It's a good thing we weren't gone too long. Dean put a hook and eye lock on the bedroom door so he can't get it open again - and also one on the bathroom door, although he doesn't seem interested in that room.

The rest of the year was quiet. Even though he's getting older, hasn't slowed down much. He's great company and has a large vocabulary. He really enjoys summers at the shore, because the house has a large screened in porch, where he spends most of his time. He actually sees people and of course DOGS! Our regular house sits back from the road and all he sees are squirrel and occasionally bears!

Joan & Horace Chamberlain — NJ

To all the wonderful people at Airedale Rescue: Kerry is a great boy - still jumps on everyone, but most people don't mind! He is a little spoiled (I cook for him everyday), but I did that, so it's OK! Keep up the good work! Thanks again,

Kathleen Gorman — NY

I know all the rescued Airedales are so grateful to you, as I am. Thank you for all your tireless efforts. I hope you have a good Christmas - and thanks to Savannah, friends and family, I will, too.

Jackie Johns and Savannah - PA

Duncan is basically doing very well - after way too much snow, he's back to having the entire yard to run in as well as his twice-daily walks.

He was at the vet's today to have a small growth removed from his right rear leg; it had been bleeding where he had licked at it. While he was there, they called to ask permission to x-ray his left leg since it was a bit swollen. I hadn't noticed the swelling but had noticed he had some trouble getting in the car. The xray revealed a long metal pin in the bone! When I had taken him to the vet right after we first got him, I mentioned that his leg felt bumpy. The vet thought he might have had a minor untreated fracture which healed crooked, but since there didn't seem to be any problem, no x-rays were taken. Anyway, there's no problem with the leg now; Duncan may just have landed hard when he went bounding out the door or down the yard.

Duncan is much admired around the neighborhood and good with all the kids. We've even met another Airedale from ARDV - Sampson, who is even bigger than Duncan. With so much snow and cold, I haven't been walking near where he lives for a while. Hope all is well with you.

Ann Kessler — NJ

I thought you'd like to see that Sparky is quite the celebrity. He and Murphy (aka Wynnfield) are doing great. Tom and I are looking forward to another great year with "our boys." Best wishes to [all], Susan Bennett and Tom Fouracre – DE

I'm sending you photos of Cookie and Griffin taken on Valentine's Day. Tomorrow is Griffin's Graduation in Puppy Class. He is doing great in class! One of the attached photos have Griffin and Cookie practicing the command "leave" with Cheerios.

Please let me know when will it be a good week to bring him to be groomed. Thank you,

Dominique Kliger – PA







We cannot thank you enough for our delightful "Daisy Mae." She is an absolute lovable sweetheart! She loves "her room" downstairs and roams from sofa to sofa - usually on her back, ready for a belly rub. With all of the family problems we have faced over the past year, she couldn't have come to us at a better time. As they say, we don't rescue them - they rescue us! We appreciate all you do to find homes for these fabulous dogs.

Judie and Mike Grembowiec & "Daisy Mae" – & "Chloe" in heaven. – NJ

Once again, Thank you and Airedale Rescue for all the good you do for the Airedales. Riley has bounced back remarkably from his mini-stroke. He is, and has been, such a great companion over the last few years! I feel very lucky to have him. Thanks again, Jordy is so affectionate and intelligent but she thinks she is a "lap dog!" At over 50 pounds, that may be a problem~ although we have big laps!!

Enjoying her greatly, though I can't say that for Robbie. At least the snow is better than the mud season ahead! Regards,

Jim and Jim - PA

Please accept this donation to Airedale Rescue in honor of our beloved Oscar Madison and Penny Sue and in memory of our most adored Prinny. Please use this to help other Airedales who are in need of tender loving care while awaiting their forever homes.

Les Smith - PA

Joel has taken some new photos of "the kids" and we will send them to your as soon as they're developed. Oscar has his own page on Facebook and you can befriend him. Ozzie Airedale... His postings are hilarious. Bless you for all of your dedication and have a wonderful holiday. love,

Toby, Joel, Oscar and Penny Shpigel - PA

We thought of you today when Daisy Mae passed her Canine Good Citizen Test! It has been 13 months since we adopted her. Just to let you know, she is doing GREAT! Her blood work from the vet has come back good (updated because of her prior heartworm condition).

Sorry we won't be able to make the Airedale picnic this year because of a prior commitment, but please accept this check in memory of Chloe. Thank you again for Daisy Mae.

Judy and Mike Grembowiec - NJ

Enclosed is my donation to Airedale Rescue. I hope everything is going well for you and "Rescue" is still successful. Please give each dog a great big kiss and a hug. Love,

Claire Hanlon — MA

Hoping 2011 will be a slow year for Airedale Rescue. Wouldn't it be wonderful if all animals started off and stayed in forever homes?? Here's a little something to help pay the bills.

Denise St. John and Steve Mironov — NJ

Thank you so much for the lovely day this past Sunday, June 19th. It was wonderful being around others who love their dogs and who love Airedales in particular!

Both Kurt and I enjoyed seeing all of the shapes, sizes, ages and colors of the dogs present. We enjoyed discussing Airedale "traits" with the other owners. I was the highest bidder for the needlepoint Airedale picture — somehow I never bring along enough money although I put "more" in my pocket each time! There, enclosed you will find a check for my bid as well as a "little bit extra" in donation. We were sorry that Dewey was not able to attend this gathering, as we wanted him to see Dexter.

On a side note — if you ever strip a dog with long fur I would be happy to have it spun with another fiber and knit something (scarves, hats?) for Blooming'Dales!

Susan Nenstiel





Geronimo is now a whopping 83.7 pounds of fun. He is extremely docile. Of course he is treated for his good behavior, which is quite often.

Geronimo and I go for long walks everyday, no matter what weather condition prevails. He loves to walk and socialize with everyone and other animals. He never gets into trouble. Geronimo knows what I expect from him and always amazes with good manners.

Geronimo likes to dig holes the size of Volkswagens to bury his bones. That's fine with me. It's his playground!! As fast as I fill a crater, he digs another. This is good because he is showing me he is a very happy and content Airedale.

He watches over our domain and me exquisitely. Surprisingly, he isn't alarmed by noises from the people upstairs. Occasionally, he will alert me that someone is visiting upstairs with a small "gruff" sound but he has never barked. I like that. He makes me feel very secure.

Geronimo is groomed every 3-4 weeks. Why not? He is a celebrity and icon in the Back Mountain. I do all his grooming myself and upon completion Geronimo looks into the mirror to admire his stately stature. He never objects if we need to polish up one bit of the manicure.

He is a "man about town." Everyone, especially women, admire him and remark how "handsome, obedient, and wellmannered this guy is." I encourage his fans to pet him and, needless to say, Geronimo really "hams it up." After he receives his treat, we're off on another venture. This noble Airedale receives praise no matter where we go.

While composing this report, the good boy has reminded me, with his cold nose, to say "hello" to Uncle Mike, Aunt Serafina (his foster parents) and the best cousins, Duffy and Toby.

I've been blessed by having Geronimo in my life!! He may be a big boy, but he will always be my adorable, cherished Airedale pup....I love Geronimo! All our love.

Bryan Emershaw and Geronimo - PA

I assume you may be wondering how Bea, Samantha and I made out on our trip to Florida. We arrived by car safely on Nov. 8th.

After an anxious start looking out of the car window (I suspect she was worried that she was about to lose another home), she settled down and slept much of the rest of the way on the Foster and Smith bed spread over the back seat. She used all of the rest stops for their intended purpose and slept on her own bed in the Best Western in Florence, SC without a peep, eating her supper while we enjoyed take-out from the nearby Cracker Barrel.

Our Singer Island home is now her home also, for which she has developed into an excellent watchdog. You may recall our asking whether she ever barked, as she never barked at our lake home (perhaps it was the constant activity around the house of dock space customers coming and going to their boats docked just outside her window). Shortly after we got here, we were eating breakfast, with Samantha supposedly asleep on the adjacent thick rug, when the two teenage pool people came in to service the pool. She suddenly realized that strangers were outside the glass doors and let out a roar - and kept it up til they left.

When she found that it was okay to bark, she became a watchdog. This is fine with us, as, since her surgery and radiation treatments, Bea is almost deaf and is constantly startled at my suddenly appearing alongside her. Samantha must realize that Bea can't hear as after she barks, she runs to either of us to alert us that someone strange is about. We're really pleased about this as when I'm out, Bea can't hear the doorbell, etc. and having Samantha alert her is a real benefit. Samantha is enrolled in Doggy Day Care for our trips to the doctors. As I type this, Samantha is asleep in Monty and Ollie's bed behind me in the office. She sleeps on her Foster & Smith bed in our bedroom at night. Our best to all,

Bea, Bob and Samantha - NJ/FL





Hey Holly, are we having a good time at Aire Faire III, or what?

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