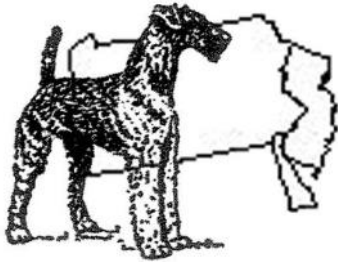


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A GOOD DAY FOR AIREDALES

By Mike Lurski

Little did I realize what a memorable day October 4th would be when I started the drive to Totowa, NJ, from my Bethlehem Township, PA, home.

The 4th was the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals. Carol Lasalle, principal of the Academy of St. Francis of Assisi, had invited me to speak to her K-8 students about Airedales and the rescue and adoption process. This would be one of several activities focusing on animals and pets during the school's day-long celebration of animals.

As a retired elementary school principal, I looked forward to once again interacting with students, hoping that I would be informative and entertaining.

Fortunately, I was joined during my presentations by Carol's recently adopted rescued Airedale, Charlie. I knew better than to think I would be the star of the show, and I was right. Charlie looked stunning, freshly groomed in his black and tan-red "attire." His cute and endearing behavior only reinforced his newly gained celebrity.

During the two programs, one for grades Pre-K to 4 and the second for grades 5 to 8, I was very impressed with the students' respect, attentiveness, and inquisitiveness. It was fun to share information and stories about rescued Airedales with such a responsive group of children. And it was rewarding to see Charlie

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given so much attention, especially since he had been isolated and neglected prior to his rescue.

Afterwards, eighth graders filled the back of my seatless van (dogmobile) with ten boxes of dog food, toys, and other supplies they had collected for our rescue group. The students and their families' generosity was equally impressive!

After being presented with St. Francis pet medals for my two Airedales by the Student Council President, I drove back home, feeling very positive about the work of Carol and her staff and about the goodness and empathy displayed by their students. They--and Charlie--are all winners!



Freshpet is a proud supporter of Airedale Rescue of the Delaware Valley

THANK YOU, FRESHPET

Thanks to the outstanding generosity of Freshpet, a dog food company with a plant in Quakertown, PA, Airedale Rescue and Adoption of the Delaware Valley has been the recipient of top-of-the-line dog food.

Freshpet prepares meals of high protein meats and vitamin rich vegetables with no preservatives. Chicken, beef, or turkey is blended with carrots, peas, spinach and brown rice. All ingredients are obtained from US sources that meet high standards. The finished product must be refrigerated because no chemical preservatives are used.

Late last summer, Carol Slade of Freshpet Product Donations contacted our group and offered continual donations of food. As of mid-November, Freshpet had donated over one ton of its high quality dog food to Airedale Rescue and Adoption of the Delaware Valley from its Quakertown, PA, plant. It was used to feed recently rescued dogs, dogs in kennels awaiting adoption, and newly adopted dogs. Feedback (no pun intended) indicates that the Airedales like the food very much.

At the present time, the company's Deli Fresh products are carried by large retailers while its Homestyle Select line is found in smaller stores.

To find out more details about these foods, access delifreshpet.com or homestyleselect.com. Use link "Find a Store" and give your zip code to determine the stores nearest to your home.

Our gratitude goes out to Freshpet and especially Ms. Slade and John Pittman of the Quakertown plant for their sincere willingness to help our group and our Airedales. These people have been extremely generous and accommodating in helping us. We should return the favor in any way possible.

Mike Lurski

Heartfelt Thanks

Contributions to Airedale Rescue of the Delaware Valley have been received from these ardent supporters:

Barbara Lehr, in memory of Gus
Bonny Hart and Paul Share, in memory of Boudica and in celebration of Tallulah
Carol and Doug Hadley - NJ, in memory of Reggie
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Rob Roy Mastroianni
Lillie Eichelberger
Little One Best
Mookie Rogan
Noodles Gehron
Raleigh Seybert
Riley Smith
Teddy Portillo
Terri Myers
Valentine Vermeulen

Still Waiting for Homes

Precious
Bella
Ajax
Trapper John
Goobie
Jenny Lynne
Alice
Lucy
Kelly Ripa
Jack (Pittsburgh)

In addition to thanking the volunteers listed on our masthead, we want to express our deep-felt gratitude for services furnished - the kennels who house the dogs we cannot get into foster care (Tamora Kennels in Spring Grove, PA; Birchrun Kennels in Birchrunville; PA Holland Hills Kennels in Milford, NJ; Animal Resorts in Downingtown, PA and Sugar Run Kennel near Altoona, PA) and our primary veterinarian, Dr. Kathy Jamison of Milford Veterinary Clinic in Milford Square, PA.

Special Thanks to Mary Jo and Dave Johnson, Dr. and Mrs. Kohl, Jim Brotzman and Jim McFarlane, Mary Pongracz, Adele Abe and all the others who contributed (and will contribute) to our yard sale, the second attempt at which will take place next Spring, in a better location (tentatively at the home of Denise St. John).

Dogs feel very strongly that they should always go with you in the car, in case the need should arise for them to bark violently at nothing right in your ear."

Dave Barry

Heartstrings

On June 18, 2007 we took Reggie to his veterinarian for the last time. He was 14 years, 8 1/2 months old. The last six months were not kind to him. Old age took over and we could see he was becoming more and more uncomfortable. He was with us for 14 great years. Wish he was still here; we miss him very much. Sincerely,

Carol and Doug Hadley - NJ

We crossed Gram over this afternoon. By this morning, he was pretty much in a coma- did not recognize us or move at all. Frank, my daughter, grandson, and I were with him. We brought him home so Hannah and Bella could say good-bye. I know he is in a better place where there is no pain and he can run free (and chase all the cats he likes). It is a very sad day.

Nancie and Frank Piery - NJ



Grahm and friend Bella the Boxer—taken last year



In Loving Memory

Abby Petrucci
 Carrie Beh
 Gally Eastburn
 Grahm Piery
 Hannah Braun
 Maddie Olsen
 Molly DeBiasco
 Missy Yezner
 Reggie Hadley
 Solomon Seybert
 Willie Fenkel

I have enclosed my donation for Airedale Rescue in the memory of Bill, Bergen, Bugsy and Jake. All you do is so very much appreciated! I thank you again for my Sally, who I feel brought me a small part of Bergen with her to give me peace.

God Bless you all,

Susan and Sally Gordon - PA

Still miss Toti terribly. Please make some other dog happy in her memory. Love,

Bob and Marianne Puntel - PA

Molly has been here with us 10 years already. She is 11 1/2 now.

Bernadette, Sev and Molly DiBiasco - PA

(Molly passed away since this note was written. We share the DiBiasco's loss. Ed.)

SHOPPING ALERT!

Please remember that OUR ON-LINE STORE—featuring unique Airedale-themed clothing, jewelry and decorative items—is ALWAYS OPEN! Visit us at www.airedale911.org and choose the "shopping" option.



For Your Information:



Protection while Walking Your Dog

Linda writes:

Abby and I run together a fair bit - she can do 2.5 miles with no problem through our residential area. This morning she and I were running and, as we approached a hydrant Abby likes to pee on, I heard a woman behind me scream. As I turned, Abby was attacked by a fawn female pit bull. Abby held her own but I couldn't get between the dogs nor could I pull Abby off. The lady came out holding the lead her dog had slipped, but she had a little baby strapped to her and wasn't mobile. She dropped her own lead. She caught her pit bull by the collar and I grabbed her lead and tossed it to her and we separated the dogs, with no apparent harm to either one, but I was shaken up. (Abby was happy and prancing, as if to show how proud she was...)

So here's the question: I didn't have any sort of weapon or device to get that pit bull off Abby. I would take something to protect Abby with. Abby LOVES our runs and gets sad if I don't take her. Do you recommend anything, and if so, what? I wouldn't hurt another dog unless I had to, but what if the attacker were a big Rottweiler that outweighs Abby, I will not stand by and let her get killed. What should I do?

Folks from Rescue organizations around the country responded with some suggestions:

- How about a pepper spray of some sort - but then you'd have to hit the attacker's eyes and avoid Abby's!
- A water bottle and then you wouldn't have to worry about whose faces gets soaked?
- How about a claxon alarm, air horn, or other noisemaker, in hopes that the noise would break the focus of both dogs? (*Check your own dog's reaction, before using this. Ed.*)
- Premier sells a product called "Directstop Animal Deterrent Spray." It claims to interrupt attacks by surprising and distracting animals with a powerful and unusual scent, giving the user valuable time to move to a safe place. Easily fits into the pockets of joggers, walkers and family members. The citronella formula was found to be just as effective as 10% pepper spray, without the harmful side effects. It does not cause pain, so it doesn't heighten aggression, plus it won't injure the user or onlookers if spray is accidentally blown back into the eyes." www.premier.com

(Ed note: I tried this product out. It is also sold as "Sprayshield" and occasionally stocked at Petsmart. The can easily fit in my pants pocket, and was surprisingly effective on the pack of Rat Terriers that harass me every time I go out for a walk. I was disappointed in the range of the spray, it barely reached six feet, but the dogs stayed about 20 feet away barking instead of nipping at ankles, as they usually do. By the fourth encounter with the same dogs, they knew it was harmless, and were no longer impressed.)

HOTSPOTS: Here are some collected suggestions for treating Hotspots, in no particular order (if you have good results with any of them, let us know):

1. Sulfadene, by Hartz Mountain. Antiseptic, and smells bad to stop licking.
2. Clean the area twice a day with warm, slightly salted water and a cloth. Apply Gold Bond powder, Hibitane, or spray with Listerene. (from Ginny Higdon)
3. Clean and dry the area daily, and apply a salve made of powdered sulfur and Bag Balm. This smells bad but won't hurt the dog if they lick it off.
4. Duoderm is a non-prescription bandage material, but kept behind the pharmacist counter. It was formulated to heal bedsores in humans - like moleskin, but will need extra tape to hold it on.
5. In a spray bottle, mix equal parts of original Listerine, Baby Oil and Water, shake well and spray on the hot spots. (from Oct 2007 Dog Fancy)



For Your Information:



It's cold now, but before the next newsletter is out, summer temperatures will be back. Be prepared to deal with it and keep your dogs safe and healthy.

Dogs and Heat

From an article by Cheryl Silver

"Mad dogs and Englishman go out in the mid-day sun." (Noel Coward, 1924) Heat is extremely stressful physiologically for dogs and it can be life-threatening when it leads to heat exhaustion. Older dogs, overweight dogs and dogs with chronic health problems are extremely vulnerable. Dogs that appear to be physically fit can suffer heat exhaustion as well. Basically, in heat exhaustion, the heat overwhelms the dog's capacity to moderate her body temperature; organ damage and death can result. No dog would, of its own volition, go out and run/jog for exercise when the temperatures are elevated. They will, quite wisely, find the coolest spot available to them. People, however, will go out and jog in the heat of the day and feel compelled to bring their dogs along. True, the dog will look excited about the outing, but as the responsible person, it is up to you to *not* do this to your dog.

There are some fun things to do with your dog for exercise that will not put them at risk. Exercise before the sun is up. Walk your dog rather than jog. Walk in a neighborhood where there are plenty of trees overhanging the street and stroll in the shade--and enjoy the change. Take your dog to Home Depot and/or Lowe's in the evening when the crowds are light. Walk around the store with your dog on leash. You and your dog can stay cool and the outing will help socialize your dog. (Be prepared to clean up, just in case.) Play with your dog in a kiddie pool with a little water in it--1/2 inch is plenty.

TIPS

- 1) Always carry plenty of fresh water with you on any outing.
- 2) Look at the color of your dog's gums and tongue when they are cool and rested. You want to know what the normal color is. As they get hotter, these areas will turn more and more red. When they go pale, it is an emergency.
- 3) If your dog is panting heavily, and the gums are pale or a muddy pink color, your dog is in distress and you need to take immediate steps to cool down their body temperature. Get your dog into shade and begin running lukewarm or slightly cool water over your dog, especially in the groin area. Call your vet and follow their direction. Do *not* immerse the dog in icy cold water--it will cause the constriction of the blood vessels.

Dogs do have sweat glands, but only on the pads of their feet, and these do little to keep the dog's body cool. That is why dogs pant in warm weather. The panting allows moisture on the tongue to be evaporated and help cool the body, but that is very limited compared to the human cooling system.

(Ed note: Never give your dog ice or ice water, especially when they are overheated. The shock to their system can cause a spasm or blockage in their stomach. A friend of Rescue recently had an unfortunate experience after giving her dog some ice in his water bowl to cool down on a hot day. The dog went into bloat, and had to have an emergency trip to the vet. The dog has recovered now, but it could have been fatal without an alert owner taking decisive action.)

Finally, remember that dogs' feet are tough but they can definitely be burned by hot pavement and hot metal surfaces that the dog might be expected to walk on if taken out in very hot weather. Sometimes tar in asphalt actually melts and can stick to the dogs' pads. It should be removed promptly by using baby oil or even mayonnaise!! After using these oily substances to remove the tar, you can wash your dog's feet with a teensy bit of baby shampoo and rinsing a lot in cool water. Take care, everyone---and stay cool.

Well here it is another year already; where does the time fly? Guess I'm having a great time. In a few weeks I'll be nine.

The past year was a great year for me. My parents rescued a Shih-Tzu by the name of Saki and she is so much fun. Every night Saki asks for dog bones so my parents feed her and me. Saki makes sure I get bones too, by taking the first one from Mommy and then dropping the bone at my feet. She's trained right.

The only weird thing about her is she didn't know how to go up and down stairs when she moved in; now she zooms down the stairs but can only climb four steps before she chickens out.

I introduced Saki to our neighbor, Manchester (Manny), the Wheaten Terrier, and he said she was a "used" dog; I corrected him by saying she isn't used, she a certified pre-owned licking machine. I showed him how certified pre-owned pups come housebroken and with paper showing the dog gets along with people, children and other dogs.

Every night before I go to bed, Daddy lets me outside and I bark once; after a few seconds I bark a few more times until my daddy tells me people are sleeping and should be quiet. What Daddy didn't know was the fact that Manny's mommy was yelling good night to me and I was saying the same to her. Manny's mommy keeps her bathroom window open so he can hear me bark once and then wishes me a goodnight.

This Halloween, nine of Mommy's relatives came to visit from Holland. It was so much fun to have so many people to play with. Two cousins, Rubya and Rianne, bought some Halloween Oreos and left them on the chair when everyone went out to eat. Saki and I loved the cookies. Glad they got the big package. Not wanting to be pigs, we left the vanilla Oreos for everyone else. Yum.

I saved up my allowance again this year and I'm donating it to the best dogs in the world, rescued certified pre-owned doggies. Licks and Wags,

Tofu Wasabe Young - NJ

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A third year has zipped by since I joined Mom, Dad, and Duffy. I'm now four and longer, taller, and 70 pounds. And I went the whole year without getting sick. Good food, chasing squirrels and rabbits, and daily long walks must be keeping me healthy.

I had a great spring and summer policing the back yard. But my older "brother" Duffy, who is five, had a tough time, at least until mid-summer.

From what I could gather from Mom and Dad's conversations, Duffy has really bad allergies to tree pollen, grass, mold, and other outside things. So he tended to stay indoors and trusted me to secure the yard.

When Duffy has allergic reactions, he develops sores on his body. And he loses hair, kind of like Dad does. Maybe he has allergies, too.

So Duffy goes to the doctor more than I do. He also gets a shot every week. He claims it doesn't hurt and it earns him a biscuit afterwards. Of course, I get a biscuit too for just watching. Duffy also gets a prednisone pill many days. And Mom and Dad wash him with special soap a lot. I sure hope I never get allergies!

When his allergies are acting up, which is usually when it's hot out, Duffy doesn't go as far as Dad and I do during our daily evening walks. We drop him off to watch after Mom and then we continue for another mile or two. I really like walking alone with Dad. He talks to me a lot. And sometimes Duffy holds us up because he finds something to smell that I have no interest in. He especially likes dead mice, birds, and road kill.

When we walk alone, Dad also kids me when I try to mark a tree, pole, or bush. He says that the only thing I reach is the street. Duffy is a "second story" marker. Me, I guess I'm just a "basement" guy.

The good news is that Duffy improved over the summer and had few sores and has been growing hair again, which is more than I can say about Dad. In fact, Mom kidded Duffy the other day by saying it takes her much longer to brush him now.

During our walks, Duffy and I meet lots of people and other dogs. Dad is so proud of the comments made about us, especially when people say how well-behaved we are. Imagine, well-behaved Airedales!! I like the comments, too. I also like being petted, especially by little kids, whom I then try to kiss.

It's fun being an Airedale.



Toby Lurski

I'm really very happy in my new home. I love my new "mom." We are having a lot of fun playing in our back yard. I have four dog beds of my own, but I like the sofa the most.

Thanks to Airedale Rescue I have been BLESSED!!

Airedale kisses to all, from
Raleigh Seybert—PA



Hi, How are things in
YOUR back yard?



Dear Mom,

Happy Mother's Day! I know I'm early, but I'm going on vacation! Two weeks in Maine - canoing and hiking (well, at least they think I'm going to try canoing!).

I'm healthy and happy - my hot spots are gone and my skin is beautiful! I did have to wear a collar for a little while because I scratched a hot spot on the side of my face and it just wouldn't seem to heal. But that's all healed now and my fur is growing back.

I simply adore my new Dad - I go everywhere with him - and I mean everywhere! I love to sleep on the side of his chair, flip over on my back with my paws in the air for a tummy rub. And if he stops, I let him know I'm not done yet! The highlight of my day is a morning hike! When we pick Mom II up in the evening from the train, I walk around the area with Dad and people come up to me and talk to me. I like my new Mom II too, especially at dinner time, but it's my Dad whom I adore!

Some things still frighten me, but I'm doing better. I'm no longer afraid of the car. But, I try to hide under the bed when it thunders. We were out walking the first time it happened. None of us are looking forward to the 4th of July. And every so often I become a six month old pup. Toys get thrown out of the basket (people have to duck) and I pounce on anything that moves and squeaks!

Life is good and we are happy!

On Mother's Day I want you to remember how much I love you and thank you for taking care of me until Dad and Mom II came along!

Love, Caleb Rohloff - CT

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Carol and Dick -

Thank you for taking such good
care of me and for finding me the
right home. I love my new family.
They think I am the cutest thing!
I have been a very good boy settling
in. I promise I'll make you proud!
Say "Hi" to Patches for me ... o o
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Love, Higgins

Oh, yeah - Thanks
Piper says for her Kong!

I'm in the dog house. I really love it here but I just didn't know how to handle my first Christmas. It started out wonderfully. My live Christmas tree got trimmed and guess what? There are five Airedales hanging from its boughs! My new Christmas stocking says WOOF. Alas, it was hung too high for me to see what it contained. Some friends came by and left presents under the tree. I was so good, I sniffed but didn't



open any of them. Christmas Eve, Mom went out. I thought I would check and see if there was anything under the tree for me. I found something soft and squishy, like a toy, so I opened it. There were two so I figured one for living room play and one for the bedroom. I threw them, pushed them with my nose and it was fun. Then I knew there would be something else so I sniffed out an enormous bone. It tasted so good that I ate the whole thing.

The next morning, after our walk, play in the park and breakfast, Mom announced that it was time to open presents. When she saw the shredded paper under the tree I knew I was in trouble. Then she spied a slipper behind the tree. "Oh, Tisdale," she asked me, where is the other one, and who is this from?" We searched and finally I redeemed myself when I dug out the mate behind the computer. Fortunately they were not badly chewed.

I did get some neat presents... biscuits galore, soft squeaky toys and a huge ball with a rope to play with in the park.

The next morning (the first day of Christmas), I didn't want to wake her, but that bone ... I just couldn't wait, two enormous piles on the living room rug. She was not amused.

The second day of Christmas, during our walk in the park, we were going around Gracie Mansion and I was "taking attendance", sniffing to see who was out. I guess Mom heard the squawk as I grabbed the sparrow, then she saw the tail feathers coming out of my mouth. When she said, "drop it", I couldn't let such a prize go. She pried my mouth open and got it away from me. She was not amused.

The third day of Christmas, as we were coming home from our morning walk, our door man was sitting at his desk eating a muffin. Oh, it smelled so good, I knew he wouldn't mind sharing it with me ...

Guess what, there are nine more days of Christmas . Love,
Tisdale Borland - NYC

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We Get Letters



Many thanks for keeping us on your mailing list and for sending us the Winter 2006 newsletter. As usual, we enjoyed it very much. Thank you for all that you do!

Our move to Lakewood, OH, the first suburb West of Cleveland and my hometown, went very well. We arrived in early April just in time for a lovely spring and a great summer.

Sweet Molley adjusted to her new home quickly, with ease and great aplomb. She has a large back yard on Lake Erie where she can roam around and chase squirrels. She loves to do both. Moreover, the windows here come to the floor, so she is able to stand watch on both the front and back yards and alert us to any activities with her enthusiastic barks. You were right, Dewey; she loves to bark — which is fine with us. She is well and in great spirits. We love her very much. Thank you so much for all your good work. Peace be with you,

Bert, Cal and Sweet Molley Ratcliff — OH

Just thought I'd pass on to you how well Scudder is doing! I can't believe it will almost be a year since we were so lucky to get him.

Scudder is such an amazing animal! Intelligent..witty..loyal and loving! He no longer fears men and loves children and other dogs. His favorite buddy is a neighbor's dog, Miss Jetter, who he loves to romp with!

Scudder is also enjoying his summer. Chasing rabbits and chipmunks makes his day. Actually, a ride in our Mustang convertible is his absolute favorite. He sits in the back, with his seatbelt on, drawing attention wherever we go! He's such a ham! He also likes his occasional treat of a small cup of vanilla Carvel ice cream.

Once again, our thanks to Airedale Rescue for Scudder!

Paulette and Dominick Ferrara - NJ



Good news: he plays!!! and he chases squirrels!! He's a dog, a real dog!! Woody has taught Brody how to play keep-away, how to run the perimeter of the yard for no reason, and that squirrels are the enemy. Brody came within inches of grabbing a squirrel yesterday...the boys can double-team the rodents now...what a plan.

Also, had Brody back at the vet yesterday...eye infection. He's gained almost two pounds...the vet thinks he's building muscle, and I agree...Brody is running and playing and having fun...and looks much healthier. He's a very sweet boy!

Justine and Allan Weisel - PA

I apologize for taking so long to send you a note about Shamus. He is the most delightful dog: happy, playful, full of the devil, energetic, loving; in short, everything an Airedale should be and more. He is a taller dog than I've had before and he weighs about 66 pounds. As soon as we got him, we signed him up for the off-leash dog park about a half hour away. He is well socialized and when we arrive I here people say, "Shamus is here." He has made lots of doggy and human friends. He is a runner. At the park, he wants to either chase other dogs or be chased by them. He goes at top speed from the time we get there until we leave.

He likes to eat the insoles of shoes. I don't know how he gets them out. He has learned to walk properly and sit at the door when entering the house, waiting for permission to enter, I am having trouble with getting him to come on command, but we will get there, eventually. I guess that's all, except thanks to you and your organization for allowing him to live with us. We feel so blessed.

Francis Smith - NJ

Our granddaughter was here for the weekend. Rugby was an Angel. He only sees her a few times a year, but he was so good with her. When they were playing "Tug of War," he laid on his stomach and let her drag him across the whole length of the living room. We are so proud of our "boy."

Joan Chamberlain — NJ

We arrived on Singer Island [FL] on December 8th after a trip marked by decent weather. Madge and Monty slept most of the way, did their business at the rest stops without fail, didn't get us thrown out of the Best Western which didn't take pets, but made an exception for us and gave us the end unit. I doubt that any of the other occupants were aware of their existence.

Both dogs came to life as we turned in to our block and seemed to know that they had arrived at their winter home. On their walk immediately on pulling into the garage, Monty was very busy marking out his territory again and ran out of marking fluid halfway down the block. He's had a ball chasing chameleons in the rocks and bushes. Both dogs now have their winter coats and since weather has been about ten degrees warmer than usual, have been glad to get back to their air conditioned home after each walk.

Bea had a bright idea to cover Monty's Foster & Smith bed by using a crib mattress cover, which has elasticized sides and was available from Wal-Mart. With a big [brown] towel under the cover, it stays in place fine. Am enclosing an Airedale calendar that you can use as a fund raiser.

Bea and Bob (and Madge and Monty) Lee - NJ/FL



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These two are great dogs. I can't believe someone doesn't want them. They are kind, gentle and very unobtrusive. They play nicely. They walk well on a leash. They get along with other dogs and with each other. They would be great with kids.

Anyway, ing them. Last the eight of us three daugh- and six dogs Penn State. It you know who etest ones Luke and



we are enjoy- night it was (three sons- ters-in-law) cheering for was fun. And the two qui- were. Yep Mark. And

they fit right in. Well, as disciples they felt a little conflicted about cheering against Notre Dame. But they got over it.

Talk to you soon. Have a great day

Tom & Dee Marino, PA

Cody is adorable. We have about come to an understanding about some of his old ways. Much better behaved and adorable. He really gets along with Panda and she gets along with him

They BOTH sing. It is a riot to hear them. What a bunch of noise. They walk well and do mind. He now understands down, very little of the food begging bit (not at Panda's level but he will get there - she just goes to a corner and waits her turn). Thanks again - terrific dog.

Susan Hesser - VA

I enjoy the "Starting Over" issues and hope the enclosed check keeps me on the mailing list for another year. Best wishes!

Jean, Ana and Lightning Harne - MD



Thank you for the nice Christmas card and the newsletters. Enclosed is a belated contribution and Jake's photo from our local "Santa Paws" fundraiser. Also enclosed are a couple of report cards from doggie daycare. Jake loves his Friday's at Noah's Arf! Hard to believe we adopted Jake from you in Dec. '94. We are most fortunate that he is still a healthy and very happy dog. Best,

Janet and Daniel Morgan - WA

We truly appreciate the opportunity you first provided to us so we could get to know and love Airedales as a breed in a very special way. We still miss Marley and Sophie in a big way. Pete has helped fill that gap. I will send you the only digital picture I have of him...

Lee, Bob and Pete Marsh - MD

Can you believe it? Tallulah will start her fourth year as a pet-assited therapy dog at St. Luke's Hospital in January. She visits patients on the Geriatric Psychiatry Unit. You wouldn't believe how much joy she brings to people. Yesterday we were talking to a woman who used to have an Airedale. Tears came to her eyes as she told us all about Randy. Tallulah also had a long conversation with a Russian patient who talked to her for about 10 minutes. (I couldn't help her out at all, but neither of them seemed to need a translation.)

Of course, she's still Tallulah. As we came onto the unit we met none other than Santa Claus himself (one of the unit doctors in a Santa suit). We approached slowly, because, I thought, "Will she be afraid and bark at him?" When will I ever learn?? She immediately jumped up on him, grabbed his beard and pulled it off. Santa looked right at her and said, "Naughty."

We're all doing well. Mabel, our golden retriever, is 14 now and can still jump up into the back of the minivan without help.

Thanks so much for trusting us with Tallulah. Sincerely,
Bonnie Hart - NYC

A sincere thank you [Airedale Rescue] for your wonderful work.

Vicki, Henry, Jeffrey, Michael, Robert and Molly Hogan - NJ

Rugby says WOOF! He's doing really well. Starting to get gray but not slowing down a bit. He's approximately 8 years old already. How time flies!

Right now it's nap time, and no nice sunny spots in which to rest, so he's sprawled out on the sofa!

Joan Chamberlain - NJ

Thank you for all your hard work with the Airedales, especially Sunshine.

Alice Decembrino - PA

Thank you for continuing to mail me the rescue newsletter. I want to adopt when I read all the articles!

Mary Lou Lackowsky - WA

Arthur is a joy to have, but he is very protective and people have to make friends with him. The best way is to make the friends give him dog cookies.

Arthur likes to dine in the family room. Breakfast and dinner is served in the laundry room, so he carries it to the "softer area" to eat. Thanks,

The Williamsons - PA





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Caleb is doing great - still some demons in his life, but he is just a delight. I've never seen anyone wake up so happy in the morning! Tail wagging and he does the cutest little dance with his front paws.

He plays like a puppy. He is finally taking certain toys and will play by himself, but loves it is someone will join him. The only time he will be away from one of us if he decides to go to bed in our bedroom. He is happy to stay there by himself, but only there. But if he doesn't want to be there, then he wants to be in a room where one of us is. He is favoring Ric at the moment, which is what I had hoped (I won't say this to Ric - I think he favors who feeds him!)

He now demands his walks in the woods. During the last snow storm Ric was holding off - well, Caleb had other plans. He whipped out his contract, called Ric's attention to it and got his walks in the woods.

He has become very protective of me. We had guests over to the house for dinner and the evening went well for Caleb. When they were leaving they hugged me goodbye and Caleb didn't take kindly to that. He didn't bite and he didn't growl, but he did come off the ground and plant himself on my arm, looking one of the guests in the eye. Life is good and he seems happier every day. Best regards,

Charlene Rohloff - CT



Enclosed is a small donation for rescue. I still have Molly. She is like me: slowing down. Our walks get slower and slower.

I really miss Emmy. She was an ideal dog, loved and kissed everyone. I would like to get another one, but age and possible moving - I can't.

I do enjoy the newsletter, but always makes me sad. I'm thankful Emmy didn't suffer long. You all do a wonderful job.

May God Bless all of you. Keep up the good job. Love,
Molly and Shirley Buskirk" - PA

I can never truly repay you for helping, but I want to express my thanks. I know Rescue is close to your heart. Thank you!

Susan - PA

I hope Airedale Rescue is doing well and that you will put this contribution toward any needs the group may have. Keep up the good work.

Judy Olsen - PA

Our Sparky was picked to be on the cover of the new Pets on Wheels (visiting therapy dog group) brochure. He had an official photo shoot! So funny -- he was so tired by the end of the day (see last picture). Also, as an update, he and I are participating in the L.E.A.P. reading dog program in Lewes. We "tutor" pre-schoolers and elementary-age students to learn to read by having them read to Sparky. He loves it! He's really good with kids. He now has two jobs to keep him out of trouble. Now, to find something for wild-child Murphy . . . :-)

My border collie "Tag" passed away last year and we adopted another one this summer from the same rescue (Mid-Atlantic Border Collie Rescue in Chestertown, Md.). His name is Milo, 2 years old, has some shyness issues we're working on but otherwise is a very sweet boy. He and the "double-dales" get along great! He and Murphy are best buddies.

Hope all is well with you. Thank you and Cindy again for this wonderful boy!



Take care, Susan Bennett - DE

Just to let you know...Higgins is doing great. He had a little ear infection at his first vet appt., but he got a clean bill of health at his follow up. We are absolutely in love with him.

He just got back from his second camping trip and he is a big hit at the campground, too. I would have to say I think he loves our big back yard best. He flies down the stairs and tears around the yard about a dozen times with his big sister in hot pursuit. They are really enjoying each other company. After a few attempts at a hostile takeover...she now willingly shares the couch with him.

We did keep the name...though it has many absurd and sometimes embarrassing derivatives when we are in silly moods (Higgity-Boo and Higgly Bop are the two most popular. We try to keep them in the privacy of our own home!) Anyway, I can't thank you enough for allowing us to be the "forever home" for Higgins. He brings so much joy to my day just looking at his sweet face and watching him "bunny bounce" around the yard. He is a great dog and we couldn't be happier.

Thanks again,

Kim Cook - MA



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Many thanks to Airedale Rescue for delivering this sweet boy to me. We are doing well. He has issues going up the stairs and with a schedule for going out for potty breaks. This will come together in time I am sure. Saturday and Sunday nights we both fell into bed and slept soundly. He is sleeping at the foot of my bed and seems to like that. So far we have walked probably 4 or 5 miles and chased a few squirrels, for which I am not in shape! He is amazingly patient with other dogs and craves the company of people and dogs. He was able to encourage a 17 year old dog with inner ear problems and dizziness to actually stand and walk across to the grass to do his business. Ardie walked with him. His owner was amazed. Another dog (a chow) is loud but shy and his owners kept saying that he would not let Ardie near him. By the third meeting they were standing together and all of the effort was Ardie's.

Oh and once I pulled one toy out of the basket, as the afternoon went on he went back until he had emptied it of everything! He knew exactly where to go. Maybe he will learn to cook dinner too or at least put the toys back!

I am working at home today and he is sleeping on my sofa. It's okay with me and he really likes it. I am fulfilled in a way I did not know possible.

Thank you for this great boy!

Mickie Holden - MD

I just wanted to let you know that we are all in love with our new puppy! He has adjusted so well, I really believe he knows he is here to stay. He has had a great time going on walks around his new neighborhood, and he has had many people commenting on what a beautiful Airedale he is.

He has been very good at night also, sleeping right next to our bed. The kids said it will be hard to stay focused in school because they will be thinking of Teddy all day!! Thanks again for everything,

Amy - NJ

Gretta is such a beautiful girl and is behaving extremely well. Our 6' fence is complete and she enjoys the out-side fenced area. I have a padlock on the inside of the gate. She has a new crate that is 41" tall and goes in/out and sometimes sleeps inside. I do not put her in [it] unless I go out. I hope to train her to be left at home without barking and to have the run of the house.

We walk twice a day for at least 45 minutes. She does very well on the leash. She is very good about being house-trained. Thank you for your help and concern in finding such a lovely girl for me. I feel I have been uniquely blessed.

Ann Randle - PA

Gertie and Dash are doing great. A year and a half, and only one case of "counter surfing." Unfortunately, Gertie pulled down a whole pizza on a white carpet—what a mess.

Keith and Joann Johnson—DE

Gabby is great. She still tries to be the boss, but she knows Dutchess (9 years old) is the boss. She sleeps in the bed right beside me and bites my hair to wake me up. She loves everything: cats, kids, birds, etc. Thanks for letting me adopt her! Take care,

Sheila Nelson - VA

Just a note to thank you for all your hard work getting Kerry to me. He is wonderful and fitting in just fine! School for him starts in mid. Nov. I know he'll do just fine! Thank you again,

Kathleen Gorman - NY

Molly is a great joy... She is the most loving lady... Patters around behind me, very loyal, obedient... I sit on the floor in the evening and she lays her head in my lap as I stroke her, she licks my hands... Alex on my other side...We're going to obedience class today...

Barbara Osgood - WV

Buddy is great! Spoiled rotten. This dog is our lives; he does everything with us but ride a motorcycle. I can't tell you what this dog means to us.

Bob Brown - PA



I want to thank Joey for training Riley to be environmentally responsible. He insists that he smash my plastic water bottles before recycling!

Riley made it my up my steps to the second floor for the first time without my help! I wish you could have seen the look on his face. He was smiling from nose to tail. I think he impressed himself as well as me.

Yesterday he tested me with his version of counter surfing. Not to worry; I have my water gun cocked and loaded.

I worked at the SPCA today and found out the dog walkathon was amazingly successful to the tune of \$11,000.00. Nice to know some great people really care about all the castaway critters!

Leslie Smith - PA

What to Do if You See Animal Abuse

The horrifying allegations of animal abuse at Michael Vick's property in Virginia have shocked everyone, but just as heartbreaking are the many similar stories that don't make the news. PETA receives thousands of calls and e-mails every year from people who have witnessed animal abuse or neglect. They are desperate to help but don't know what to do. Here are some steps you can take if you observe cruelty to animals:

1 . Find out which agency is responsible for investigating and enforcing anti-cruelty laws in your state, county, or town. This may be a local humane society or a taxpayer-funded animal shelter. In areas without such organizations, citizens should call the police or sheriff's department.

If an animal is in a life-threatening situation, call authorities immediately. Follow up with them in a timely manner to determine their findings and their planned course of action. If they do not respond right away, call PETA at 757-622-7382.

2 . After you contact authorities, prepare a short written statement detailing the key points of what you observed. Give dates, approximate times, and locations. **Timely fact-gathering is crucial**—the more time that passes, the greater the risk that evidence will disappear, injuries will heal, or you'll forget specific details. Written statements from other witnesses will help back up your observations, and if possible, take pictures and date them—photos or videos will strengthen your case.

Always keep a dated record of everyone you've contacted, along with the content and outcome of your discussions. Never forward a letter, photograph, or other documentation to anyone without first making a copy for your own files. Make it clear to authorities that you wish to pursue the case and that you are willing to lend your assistance if necessary. **Be sure to follow up!** If you stay involved, authorities are more likely to do the same.

3 . If the first contact doesn't produce results, go straight to a supervisor. If that doesn't work, appeal to local government officials, such as the mayor, the district attorney, or city council members. A call to the media in your area (television and print) can move mountains. **Above all, don't give up—you may be an animal's only hope!**

Helping abused or neglected animals can be difficult and heart-wrenching, but they are depending on you to take action. [Please contact PETA if officials](#) fail to respond quickly to your complaint or if you need guidance or support. Together, we can save even more lives.

Thank you for everything you do for animals.

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