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### MONTGOMERY COUNTY KENNEL CLUB SPECIALTY 2015

The Montgomery County Kennel Club Specialty is one of the largest dog shows in the country, bringing the best of all of the terrier breeds to Montgomery County College's fairgrounds in Blue Bell, Pennsylvania. The show takes place the first week in October and it is a spectacular display of terrier beauty. Imagine 100+ Airedales all in one place, perfectly groomed and displaying that feisty "can-do" attitude! It is a sight to behold.

Montgomery is an entire week of events including agility, obedience and rally competitions, in addition to conformation shows at Devon and Morris & Essex. The Morris & Essex show is somewhat of an historical event, taking place only once every five years. The show was founded in 1927 by philanthropist and animal welfare supporter Geraldine Rockefeller Dodge, niece of John D. Rockefeller, Sr., and is famous for continuing Mrs. Dodge's traditions. It is a festive day, where attendees dress

to impress and period hats are There worn. are box lunchbeautiful es. flowers and an old fashioned, elegant setting. It's a shame it takes place only every five years, but that is part of the charm! The main event of



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the week takes place on Sunday - the National Specialty and Sweepstakes. The show starts at 8am and the Airedales begin showing in Ring #1 at 8:30 and continue all day. The finest Airedales from all over the country are at this show competing for the coveted MCKC title. Group after group enter the ring, and you just wonder how the judge can pick one as more beautiful than the others. It seems an impossible task to the untrained eye.

Take a walk around the show tent and you will see all of the terrier breeds - Welsh, Kerry Blue, Wheaten, Norwich, Lakeland, Wire Fox, Bull, Scottish, Irish, Border - just to name a few. There are vendors with breed specific merchandise to peruse and a very nice cafeteria for lunch.

We at ARADV are fortunate enough to have this event in our backyard, so we are invited each year to present our Rescue Bazaar. We set up our tent and haul in our cases of interesting vintage Airedale memorabilia, handcrafted items, embroidered apparel and anything AIREDALE. This year we had special items from the estate of Joey Fineran, the recently deceased Founder of Airedale Rescue & Adoption of Delaware Valley. We had a beautiful jewelry case filled with vintage pins, earrings and charms, most of which sold quickly. There were doorknockers, handcrafted metal Airedale signs, and even multiple art and jewelry pieces from the late Barbara Strebeigh, who was a dear friend of Joey's. We made a special table showcasing the items from Joey's collection, and many lucky





and honored shoppers walked away with a piece of history, owned by Joey herself.

Our next event where we will present the Rescue Bazaar will be at Aire Faire V. There will be many items from Joey's estate leftover from Montgomery available for sale, along with two fantastic art pieces that we are going to set up for raffles. The first item is a unique "felt art" Airedale picture, made by our own volunteer Linda Myer, which has been beautifully custom-framed in a shadowbox style. Framing was donated by our volunteers Serafina & Mike Lurski. It is stunning! The second piece is a fantastic knitted blanket with Airedale silhouettes built into the pattern. It is one of a kind and beautifully crafted. Both pieces will be on display at Aire Faire V and there will be a set, limited amount of tickets available for each item. After the tickets for each item are all sold, winners will be chosen. These are very special handcrafted items, generously donated to ARADV to raise funds to help rescued Airedales.

Aire Faire V is tentatively scheduled to take place on Sunday, April 17, 2016 at the Best Friend's Pet Care facility in Willow Grove, PA - the same location as last year's Memorial for Joey. Doing the Faire in April will be much cooler for us and for our dogs. In addition to the Bazaar, we will have great food, raffles, lots of Airedale talk and games. We are working on getting our generous sponsor Freshpet to bring their sampling truck so everyone can get a sample of their nutritious food and treats to bring home. It will be a festive meet and greet for everyone! Hope to see you there!

Dear Readers,

If your street address, e-mail address, or phone number has changed, please update them by contacting Cindy at 717-225-5421 or by email at **Airedalz@comcast.net**. We'd also enjoy hearing how your dog is doing. Thank you.



"A person can learn a lot from a dog, even a loopy one like ours. Marley taught me about living each day with unbridled exuberance and joy, about seizing the moment and following your heart. He taught me to appreciate the simple things-a walk in the woods, a fresh snowfall, a nap in a shaft of winter sunlight. And as he grew old and achy, he taught me about optimism in the face of adversity. Mostly, he taught me about friendship and selflessness and, above all else, unwavering loyalty." — John Grogan, Marley and Me: Life and Love With the World's Worst Dog

### **Our Mission:**

The goal of Airedale Rescue and Adoption of the Delaware Valley (serving Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware) is to provide prompt and safe assistance for any Airedale who has no responsible owner or breeder. Simply put, our purpose is to find a suitable, loving home for any Airedale who needs one, while strictly adhering to the policies set forth by the Airedale Terrier Club of America's Rescue and Adoption Committee:

- \* Before placement, each rescued Airedale Terrier will be:
  - spayed or neutered
  - permanently identified with a microchip
  - checked for heartworm, parasites and all other health issues
  - brought up to date on vaccinations required by law and appropriate to the age and health of the Airedale
  - carefully evaluated for temperament & personality
  - bathed and properly groomed

\* We assess each rescued Airedale Terrier on an individual basis, in order to place each dog into the loving forever home best suited to the needs of that particular Airedale.

\* We strive to educate the public regarding the Airedale breed and responsible dog ownership.

\* No ARADV volunteer conducts rescue activities for personal profit. All proceeds from fundraising activities, fees and donations will be used only for the benefit of rescued Airedales.

Airedale Rescue and Adoption of the Delaware Valley places dogs only in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware.

# Heartfelt Thanks

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### THANKS!

A little over six years ago, Airedale Rescue and Adoption of the Delaware Valley began a relationship with the very reputable dog food company, FreshPet, which has a plant in Quakertown, PA, and also in Bethlehem Township, PA.

Through the efforts of the company's dog-loving representative, Carole Slade, FreshPet has donated several tons of their very nutritious products to us, which has greatly helped our rescues regain their weight, health and strength.

The company has grown tremendously in the last few years, expanding their variety of dog foods. Their products are found at Giant supermarkets--as well as pet supply and specialty shops.

Our gratitude goes out to FreshPet and especially Ms. Slade for their sincere willingness to help our organization and our Airedales.

### Adopted

Barney Miller Drake Turoff Katie Smith Maxie Brown Mya O'Connell Oliver LaSelva Paris Czerniakowski Scout Iwanski

My Mom, Georgianna Ferguson, recently passed away, and we received donations in her memory. As she loved our ARADV rescue Airedales, Samantha and Rusty (both through Joey and David Falk), as if they were her own, we thought the ARADV was a fitting place to send this small check. It's not much, but we know every little bit helps when it comes to saving our Aires.

Unfortunately, we lost our beloved Rusty last November and are currently without an Airedale in our home for the first time. It is very quiet here and I hope to someday soon be giving you a call to see if you have another perfect match for us.

Wishing you all the best in carrying on the amazing work that Joey pioneered.

Mark & Lisa Ferguson Burns VT



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	House Rules
1.	. The dog is not allowed in the house.
	. Okay, the dog is allowed in the house, but only in certain rooms.
3	. The dog is allowed in all rooms, but has to stay off the furniture.
4	. The dog can get on the old furniture only.
	Fine, the dog is allowed on all the furniture, but is not allowed to sleep
	vith the humans on the bed.
	. Okay, the dog is allowed on the bed, but only by invitation.
	. The dog can sleep on the bed whenever he wants, but not under the co- ers.
8	. The dog can sleep under the covers by invitation only.
9	. The dog can sleep under the covers every night.
1(	0. Humans must ask permission to sleep under the covers with the dog.

### **Available Dogs**

This is Rowdy and his name says it all. He loves people and kids. He lived with a female Airedale, but doesn't like little dogs or cats. He came into Rescue because of health issues with his owners. Due to their health they didn't have the time or energy to train him. He is a complete blank slate and doesn't know anything, even the basics like sit or his name. He is a real diamond in the rough, but shows an interest in pleasing his humans. If you are up for a challenge, please contact Cindy.

Ariel is looking for her own home for Christmas. She is a senior girl. She came in from a shelter so we don't know any specifics. She is very sweet and friendly. She gets along with other dogs. She needs senior dog food with an addition of green beans to balance her urine pH. She is going to a foster home and we will get to learn more about her. If you have a place in your heart and home, please contact Cindy.





Let me know of any future fundraisers you have or if you need any assistance with transports. I have helped WFT group in Chicago with transports and adopted an Irish through ITRN. I currently have an ADT and WFT. I enjoy your organization and always like to help when I can. Laurie Anne Spagnola - PA



The truth | do not stretch or shove When | state that the dog is full of love. I've also found, by actual test, A wet dog is the lovingest.



Heart

Today my life changed forever. I had to let my Scotty cross over the rainbow bridge. I didn't want to do it but he let us know it was time. He had stopped eating and was throwing up blood. My heart aches for you, my baby boy. I hope you are in a better place with no more pain. Mommy and daddy will always love and miss you dearly as well as will your brother Barney. He will be lost without his little brother. I will send you puppy kisses in heaven every day, my sweet boy



Kim Kubelis Baatz

This morning, my little precious one, Lily, went over the Rainbow Bridge to be with Maisie Mae, Morgan and Molly. I love you my sweet, brave girl. You fought with a terrier's heart for so long.

When Joey brought her to me, Lily had spent about three weeks living on the streets and eating out of dumpsters in Mount Holly, NJ. She never overcame her fear of not getting enough food. This morning, before the vet came to the house to put her down, I hand-fed her pieces of chicken, her favorite food. I wanted her last memory of this life to be that she was fed.

I will miss you always.

We adopted Casey, AKA "The Big Guy," a little over nine years ago. It saddens me to tell you that we lost our beloved Casey over the weekend to complications from anal sac carcinoma. Casey

was such a special dog. Yes, I know that all Airedales are special, Casey was our third, but he was special of the special. When we adopted him at 18 months of age we actually had to ask the vet if he was really a young dog since he was so gentle and calm (that is unless you were a lawn mower or trash truck or the Polaris pool cleaner). For some reason he thought the Polaris was alive and once while it was running along the bottom of the pool he waited until it climbed the wall at which point he jerked it out of the water and proceeded to subdivide it into multiple pieces that one was costly. Even though we were miffed we couldn't help but be impressed with his strength and tenacity.

Casey loved his home, spending hours in the back yard in cold or hot weather. He loved his daily walks up in the nature preserve near our house. From time to time a deer would cross his path and





Casey Levy Champ Brophy Claire Marotta Delilah Mangino Hooteh Alper Louie Hansard Rosie Longeneeker Scotty Baatz Ty D'Crrico Walter Ariniello

he would get bonkers wanting to do a chase, but we always had him on a lead. Most of all he loved to ride in the car. All we had to say was "Casey, let's go for a ride in the car" and he was off to the races.



Finally, he loved his family. We have four grandchildren and he was always happy when they came over to visit. He especially liked it when they were toddlers sitting in the highchair and constantly dropping food. Needless to say we never had to clean up. It was funny to watch him when a child would have a cracker in hand with arm outstretched. He would put the whole hand in his mouth, out would come the hand (untouched) but sans cracker. Of course we discouraged that but... I could go on and on but I think you see how much we loved him and how he will be terribly missed. I want to especially thank you, Cindy and Dewey for

putting "The Big Guy" in our lives. He enriched us beyond words and will always be in our hearts. Best regards,

Howard and Carolyn Levy PA

To all our readers, please know that every dog placed by ARDV is remembered, as is every adopter. We would love to know how those dogs are doing, both the happy and the sad. Keep those letters and e-mails coming.

Julia Groom - VA

Strings



My dearly beloved Walter crossed over the Rainbow Bridge Oct. 26 2015. We were blessed with Walter in 2010 after losing my first Airedale. He was a challenge at first due to aggression and viciously trying to attack my Newfs. Knowing the intelligence and loyalty of Airedales, I was not willing to return him to ARADV. Just as I expected, in due time he became such a loyal member of the pack. Walter was also my Lhasapoo's partner in crime. He brought so much love and joy back into our lives. He was also my protector, he would always have to be next to me. Walter loved grabbing shoes out my closet and leaving them all over the house. I never thought I'd miss tripping over shoes so badly! I would have to put a chair in front of my pantry bi-fold doors because no sooner did my husband and I go to bed, Walter would help himself to snacks in the pantry. Walter was so intelligent he would pull open my nightstand drawer to see if I had any tissues to rip apart. I love the question "Who rescued who?" because Walter was the best medicine to help me through my grief of losing my first Airedale, Brandy.



Walter Ariniello, with friends

Mary Ariniello

I wanted to take a minute to thank you for matching me with Champ back in 2004. This past Friday, he went over the a Rainbow Bridge. I am missing him terribly but I know it was his time to go. He was wonderful, smart, super protective of our family and truly my friend. My son took a beautiful photo of him that I would like to send you. If you have an email address in which I can do an attachment I will send it. It's beautiful and how I need to remember him.

Never underestimate the work that you do. It truly changes people's lives for the better!

Andrea Brophy PA

Unfortunately, Claire passed away on September 17th. She had been fighting a tumor for many months and held strong and happy as always until the last day. We were devastated to lose her, and her best buddy Delilah (Akita/Lab mix) has slept in Claire's bed every night since her passing. Finding her and you guys was a godsend for our whole family. Thank you for everything!!

Leigh Marotta VA



We are sad to tell you that we had to have our wonderful little girl "Rosie" put to sleep due to unrelenting cancer. We were given some peace for three months after her surgery, but at age thirteen, the cancer returned. Rosie was a trooper to the very end and crossed the Rainbow Bridge to see her beloved Rigby, who passed last year.

Thanks to Airedale Rescue for the 10 ½ good years of companionship and family fellowship. Rosie loved everybody, made up with people at once, and wagged her little stubble of a tail continuously whenever anyone came to the house. She loved our grandchildren, Connor and Grant. She was the most welcoming Airedale we ever had.

We will miss Rosie's unique high pitched long, wv-wv-wv! When we dream, we hear her familiar call and know that she is near. Thanks, Cindy! Thanks for giving us the chance to care for Rosie. She was a real pleasure. Rosie and Rigby made up a great team. Now they are together again. Their unconditional love shone through our lives to bring us much togetherness and happiness. Love you,

Veronica and Jim Longenecker PA

It comes with great sadness to announce that the world lost two very dear and loyal friends. Airedale Ty and his rescuer, my best friend Vinny, passed only a few months apart. Vinny, a widowed dad of two adults boys, would call me daily with such happiness in his voice, telling me what a character Ty was and what a kick he got out of him. Vinny loved wresting with Ty. After wrestling, Ty would lie by Vinny's feet and have to have his head resting on his feet. Ty also liked opening wrapped Christmas gifts left under the tree. Just like a loyal and intelligent Airedale, when Vinny became weak from his illness, Ty learned to jump on the foot rest of his lounge chair to make it easier for him to get up. Both Vinny and Ty will be missed greatly. Vinny being the kindest and most caring person I've had the honor to know it didn't come as a surprise to me that Vinny's dying wish was to have people send donations to ARADV in lieu of flowers.



Mary Ariniello

# Tidings of Comfort and Joy to you, and to all the Airedales in need



John, Cindy, Ace, Brewster & Lexie Ĵohnstonbaugh



Mary Jo, Dave & Tai Johnson with Mr & Mrs Santa



Deborah & Astro Ciancarelli with Santa

# from the Volunteers of

# Airedale Rescue and Adoption of the Delaware Valley

# Please, Come as You Are By Mary Jo Johnson

If you are reading this article, it is a sure fact that you and I share a common bond. We love Airedales! We each have enough of our own Airedale stories that if we wrote books about our experiences with our Aire-dales, the library would not know whether to categorize the books as fact or fiction! Our organization, Airedale Rescue and Adoption of the Delaware Valley, is just that...ours! We are known within our organization as volun-teers, adopters, benefactors, supporters and sustainers. Each one of us participates in Rescue's future as we honor the memory of our foundress, Joey Fineran, and move forward as a rededicated organization. So, what does this mean for you? Basically, we ask you to "Please, come as you are". In the Airedale Res-

cue party of life, we invite you to consider adding your special talents to enable our organization to blossom with a wealth of even more volunteers. Some available skill suggestions include:

- open your home to foster and evaluate recently rescued Airedales,
- identify yourself to serve as a local contact with shelters and SPCA's in your area and be the designated representative when dogs are surrendered by owners, shelters and SPCA's,
- transport a rescued Airedale to a foster or forever home,

Viki Honeywell & Trevor

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Chumly Winston, Archie Mack & Zoe Grace Shpigel



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- serve on the annual AireFaire planning committee,
- contribute articles and photos for this newsletter,
- craft and sew Airedale-themed items for resale.
- fold mailings as needed,
- attend local events in your community with your Airedale to promote our Rescue,
- brainstorm and participate in fundraising activities, etc. etc.
- We recently learned of a great opportunity for on-line fundraising auctions through Facebook. Would you like to head that activity?

Please, tell us how you would like to become involved. Call or email me (at <u>Airedalemom@ptd.net</u>) or one of the folks listed on the front page. Rescuing never gets old! The situations are real and the need for helpers is great.

Does this mean that you will have to volunteer a certain amount of hours per month? No, you are not committing yourself to serving a set number of hours. Know that becoming a volunteer means that your name will be included in the list of individuals who also expressed interest in the same type of activity. We are asking for you to soul-search to consider sharing a part of yourself. Just as you entrusted us to match your beloved Airedale with you, may we count on you to be a part of this organization which rescues needy Airedales so that other families can share in our unconditional joy and love? Please, come as you are.

#### A Tai at the Races

Hello. My name is Tai, actually Octavious Christopher Johnson, owner of Dave and Mary Jo Johnson. We became a family a little over a year ago. I am their  $8^{th}$ Airedale (their  $7^{th}$  Rescue Airedale), so this is how I got my name. By the way, my name Tai rhymes with day. Now you understand the title of my article!

A dear friend of our Rescue, "Auntie Carole" Slade as I call her, invited Airedale Rescue and Adoption of the Delaware Valley to be the Freshpet rescue representative at the Runner's World Half Marathon and Festival. This 2-legged race was held in Bethlehem, PA on Saturday,



Me, with Mary Jo

October 17<sup>th</sup>. Freshpet generously donates their high quality, delicious refrigerated food for our new Airedale Rescues. And Freshpet also sponsored a 1 mile Dog Run for us 4-legged types. All of the dogs in attendance were able to visit the Freshpet truck, which looks just like an ice cream truck, complete with a walk-up window! And, their prices were great----free food, free treats and free bandanas for everyone in the canine community! Mom was given her own Freshpet Cap. This was my first Chance to sample their new Variety of baked food. Wow! I

must admit that Mom had to "encourage" me to step away from the very large food bowl!

I especially was honored to be asked to represent us at the meet and greet area. Aunt Cindy, my godmother who chose my parents for me, made me a sporty orange with blue writing bow tie which read "Rescued Airedales Love Freshpet". I also wore a denim saddlebag which read "Airedale Rescue". I must say that I was handsome! In the pockets of my saddlebag, I carried our business cards, our brochure, pet alert decals for the home, and petownership emergency awareness cards for the wallet. Mom (the one with the opposa-



Me, Mary Jo, Pot Roast and Richard Thompson

ble thumbs) helped me with the handing out of this important infor-

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mation to runners and the attendees with their dogs.

We had a fun morning! The weather was so cold that I was glad that I had my own "natural" coat and the saddlebag. Mom, on the other hand, had to layer-up! For this event, our fellow volunteers, Deb Ciancarelli, Heather Archut and Clive Hon (who brought their Bear dog), traveled to Bethlehem. Heather and Bear even ran in the dog race! As for my Mom and me, we just stayed in the sun. I love to run but Mom does not wish to embarrass herself.

As a very special bonus, we met Mr. Richard Thompson, the CEO of Freshpet. He and his VERY lucky pet, Pot Roast, posed for a photo with Mom and me. I was so glad that Mr. Thompson could hear directly from us how appreciative we are for the kindness of his company.

Thanks for reading about my day. I am so glad to be a Rescued Airedale!

Tai Johnson

Hey there Auntie Cindy,

Just a quick email to let you know that I think I'll keep these humans and I really like it here. I'm settling in quite nicely!

Love, Your Nephew,

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# For Your Information

# We're in Good Company.

Many famous people have been attracted to the Airedale as their family pet and lifelong companion. Some of them include the following:

1. Edgar Rice Burroughs - author of the book, Tarzan, (and yes, his Airedale was Tarzan).

2. **Mrs. John Jacob Astor** - Wife of the Millionaire industrialist. She perished on the Titanic along with her beloved Airedale Kitty.

3. **Ty Cobb** - Famous baseball player and probably the greatest hitter ever.

4. **Richard Condon** - Author of The Manchurian Candidate and Prizzi's Honor.

5. Woodrow Wilson - U.S. President, 1913-1921. His Airedale Davie started a string of three White House dogs of the same breed, attesting to the Airedale's great popularity at that time.

6. **Warren G. Harding** - U.S. President, 1921-1923. His Airedale Laddy Boy is easily the most famous White House pet ever. Laddy Boy enjoyed weekly articles in the New York Times, his own seat at the President's Cabinet meetings, and was included in State Dinners and the welcoming of heads of state. There has never been a White House Dog that can match Laddy Boy's popularity and media coverage.

7. **Calvin Coolidge** - U.S. President, 1923-1929. His Airedale Terrier Paul Pry was originally named Laddy Buck, and was an off-spring of Laddy Boy.

## Famous Airedale Owners

8. Oliva De Havilland - Actress, her Airedale was named Shadrack and was a gift from fellow Hollywood person, John Huston.

9. **Bo Derek** - Actress, previously owned and Airedale named Haram Scarum.

10. Harold Florsheim - Founder of Florsheim Shoes and Harham Kennels.

11. James Earl Jones - Actor and voice of Darth Vader.

12. **Ronnie Schell** – Actor, played Corporal Slatter in Gomer Pyle.

13. **Theodore Roosevelt** - U.S. President, 1901-1909. The Airedale Terrier was his preferred dog to use for hunting. He once hunted lions in Africa with Airedales.

14. John Steinbeck - Author and long-time Airedale Owner.

15. **Jim Thorpe** - Olympic Champion and arguably the greatest natural athlete ever.

16. John Wayne - Actor and famous American. As a child, he had an Airedale named Duke, the origin of his well-known adult nickname.

As you can see, we're all in good company.

Steve Udovich

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This is your Holiday reminder to be careful about what your pups are eating. The most important thing with pet care is knowing what you can and can't feed your dog. Turns out there are many foods you may not know about that can actually be really bad for your dog, including some that are perfectly healthy for humans. Here are the highlights.

Also note that the amount of damage these foods can do vary on the specific breeds and sizes of your dogs. Like humans, all dogs are different and can react differently to foods. (Though it's better to keep them away from these foods just for good measure.)

If you suspect that your pet has ingested one of these foods, contact your veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center (888-4264435) immediately. This article was compiled with information from aspca.org, peteducation.com, vetmedicine.com, andfoodbeast.com.

The Worst (if you see symptoms, an immediate trip to the vet is needed):

Xylitol

Xylitol is used as a sweetener in sugarless gum, candy, baked goods and toothpaste. When ingested in even small amounts, it can result in low blood sugar, seizures, liver failure and death. These symptoms can show up as quickly as 30 minutes or as long as 12 hours after ingestion, and treatment must be quick and aggressive or they can be fatal. Elevated liver enzymes and liver failure can be seen within a few days.



#### Grapes and Raisins

The toxic substance within grapes and raisins is unknown, but these fruits can cause vomiting or diarrhea, a lethargic state, and rapid kidney failure. This failure can be permanent and life threatening. It does not seem to relate to the volume ingested, and not all animals seem to be equally susceptible. Although some dogs have been eating grapes for years, the safe course is to avoid grapes and raisins completely. Until more information is known about the toxic substance, it is best to avoid feeding grapes and raisins to dogs. There have been no problems associated with grape seed extract.

**Tobacco** - Contains nicotine, which is a very effective insecticide, and in high concentrations is toxic to animals and humans. Symptoms: vomiting, rapid or slow heart rate, difficulty breathing, collapse, coma, and death. Effects appear within 60 minutes. Dogs are more sensitive to the ill effects of nicotine, and because of lower body mass, the toxic dose is lower.

#### Bad:

#### Alcohol

Alcoholic beverages and food products containing alcohol can cause vomiting, diarrhea, decreased coordination, central nervous system depression, difficulty breathing, tremors, abnormal blood acidity, coma and even death.

#### Chocolate,

Contains substances called methylxanthines (which includes theobromine), which are found in cacao seeds. Symptoms: vomiting and diarrhea, panting, excessive thirst and urination, dehydration, abdominal pains, hyperactivity, abnormal heart rhythm, elevated body temperature, tremors, seizures and even death. Note that the darker the chocolate, the higher the toxicity. The toxic dose is dependent on weight, so little dogs are at higher risk,. The fatal dose of milk chocolate for a large dog would be a pound or more much less for baking chocolate.

#### Coffee

Coffee contains a stimulant known as Methylated xanthine, which stimulates the nervous system in dogs, causing vomiting, restlessness, heart palpitations and even death.

#### Fruit Seeds, Apple Cores

The core of an apple (as well as plums, peaches, pears and apricots) contain cyanide.

Symptoms: dizziness, struggling to breathe, seizures, collapsing, hyperventilation, and shock.

#### Macadamia Nuts

Contain an unknown toxin, which can affect the digestive and nervous systems and muscle. Symptoms: weakness (specifically in their hind legs), staggering gait, depression, vomiting, tremors and hyperthermia in dogs. Signs usually appear within 12 hours of ingestion and can last approximately 12 to 48 hours.

#### Onions, Garlic, Chives

Contain sulfoxides and disulfides, which can damage red blood cells and cause gastrointestinal irritation and anemia. Cats are more susceptible than dogs. While the effect on red blood cells won't appear for a few days in dogs, they'll be tired and reluctant to move. The dog's urine will be orange to dark red in color. A blood transfusion might be required in severe cases. Toxicity is normally diagnosed through history, clinical signs and microscopic confirmation of Heinz bodies.

**Corn on the cob**- While corn is not toxic, some dogs will swallow the cob (or anything else) whole resulting in a blocked intestine which must be treated surgically. Never leave your dog unsupervised around corn cobs, and if you think they may have swallowed one be alert for lethargy, vomiting, especially after eating, weakness, diarrhea, and abdominal distress.

#### Not a Good Idea:

- **Spoiled Food** Can contain multiple toxins causing vomiting and diarrhea.
- Raw/Undercooked Meat, Eggs and Bones -Bacteria like Salmonella and E. coli.
- Milk and Dairy Symptoms like gas, diarrhea and vomiting can occur.
- Yeast Dough Yeast dough can rise and cause gas to accumulate in your pet's gut.
- Hops Unknown compound causes panting, racing heart, high temperature, and seizures.
- Human vitamins Iron can damage the digestive system lining in dogs.
- Foreign Objects, including String Intestinal blockage.
- Coconut and Coconut Oil Oils may cause stomach upset or diarrhea.
- Cooked Bones Will splinter when chewed by your dog



# We Get Letters

Please keep those notes and pictures coming in! Send them to Cindy Johnstonbaugh at 790 Menges Mills Rd, Spring Grove, PA 17362 or email <u>Airedalez@comcast.net</u>

Just a note to check in and tell you how pleased we are to have Katie in our family now. She is so loving just a true sweetheart. She is good with our young grandchildren and knows enough to walk away when she gets tired of their noise and antics. She and Molly, my son's Lhasa Apso, play a lot together during the day and are such fun to watch.

Katie is well-behaved and always comes when called. She never chews on anything other than her toys. Her only problem has been barking and going after other dogs while she is on her leash, also when she is in the house or fenced in outside when another dog goes by. We have had some training with this and know how to make the quick corrections, so she is improving steadily and neither I nor Lyle have trouble taking her for long walks. She has been going to Doggy Day Care one day a week to help socialize her with other dogs and she has no problems with the other dogs there. The trainer we used is part of the kennel staff so he was able to be there with her and gradually ease her in to the activities with the other dogs. Now she is happy to go there and play.

I love the fact that she wants to be physically close and often has her head in my lap or lies on my feet on the floor. Anyway, just wanted you to know she has settled in well and we are like proud parents when we are walking her and people stop to say what a beautiful dog. We think so too. Many thanks for all your good work.

Mary and Lyle Smith (and Katie too)

Oliver is so sweet and doing so well at his new home!! Heather Archut PA





Nellee hogs the newly sewn stuffed toys. Connie Forbush



Jim Farman & Lizzy Lou -

As has been the case, I would email Joey every year around Puppy's birthday to reinforce how grateful I was to have her, and that we had just had another special year. So things being such as they are, you become the proxy to receive my note of gratitude.

Miss Puppy is a very masterful "thinker." She is especially gifted in snatching whole bags of treats. I had ordered 3 pound bags of "Chicken Fillets" from Foster and Smith. When they came I placed them by the "dog" chair, a location too tempting for Ms. Puppy to resist. Stage 1 was ripping open the corner of the box and "snatching" one bag of treats - I don't think she shared any. Stage 2 was when I, the idiot, flapped the top of the box (and why would I think that secured the contents? ) so Ms. Puppy dragged the whole box into the middle of the living room and feasted further. (Not only was I concerned about the volume of treats she was eating, it was getting expensive!) Then she started snatching treats from this raised area where I kept both dog biscuits and treats. I'm truly embarrassed to say it took me too long to realize she was climbing on top of a bag of dog food to reach her reward.

embarrassed to say it took me too long to realize she was climbing on top of a bag of dog food to reach her reward. Finally, I began gathering the remains of her snatching deeds – I would have her sit down, look at me as I would hold the evidence in front of her and chant, "this is no. no!" After a few sit down's, I came home one day and said, "where's Ms. No No?" Well, she hid, and would not come out. Then I discovered that if she had gotten into mischief which I didn't notice, she would go out, but would NOT COME IN!" Hours of enticing and she wouldn't come in. Finally I would say "Good Bye," and she would edge closer to the door. More enticing, more promises of treats, and she might come in. Now bear in mind, she has never been spanked, nor hears my voice raised. She's just an excellent "con artist," and I love her to death! So, thank you for her.

Judy Best - NJ



# We Get Letters

Last year we were lucky enough to adopt Paris (then Pal). Deb Ciancarelli worked for months on this adoption and was finally able to get Pal released to Delaware Valley Airedale Rescue. Deb brought Paris to us on December 6, 2014, which was Paris's 9<sup>th</sup> birthday. None of us ever looked back. Our then 6 year old male, Jeter, has been in love since the first week. Paris fit right in immediately. She's is a total character with some very funny habits. But she did have some issues. She was a bit over weight and her joints were very stiff. Losing weight and getting her on a supplement has made a big difference. Now I feel she's healthy and more active than she has been in a while. Big surprise to us but when we starting camping this past spring, she loved it!! All of us want to thank everyone in ARADV that made all of this possible (especially Joey) and to any of you that are hesitating to adopt an older dog, just do it!!



Sue, Mike, Paris & Jeter Czerniakowski - PA

Stewart is a continuing work in progress but he has come a long way since last August! He really wants to be a good boy. Holiday Best to You,

John Jansen - CT

Congratulations and commendations on an excellent START-ING OVER! I just read it cover to cover while enjoying a cup of coffee. Smiles, laughs, and tears were my companions while I was reading. The tribute to Joey was outstanding in content and format.

I was an English teacher for fifteen years. I still read voraciously, especially classic fiction, but I don't enjoy anything that I read as much as STARTING OVER. I thank you for that. Hope all goes well.

Mike Lurski - PA



Alvin is doing great. He is truly a delight. I attached a picture of him. We walk daily and he just loves playing with any dog- size or temperament do not matter. He just adjusts to what the other dog wants. Wishing you a Happy Holiday. Marion Kaufmann - PA

Let's get down to what a clown Scout REALLY is! Let's see, he's figured out how to open the garbage can in the kitchen; he's figured out how to open the oven door and take a look inside; when the dishwasher is open he easily slides the dish rack out; likes to get in the dryer; gets in the cabinets; always insists on someone opening the refrigerator so he can poke his head in; he moves the dog bowl and the scales where he wants them... and the list keeps growing! He never actually does any of this when we aren't home. He waits until we get home and then wants into everything.

He definitely has his own schedule for when he goes to bed, sleeps all night like he is dead to the world and gets up when we do. When he's out, he's OUT!

He does have a wonderful personality and I'm sure as time wears on, he and Molly will be good companions. I know this can't happen overnight. Our home seems more normal with a second 4 legged canine friend in the house. Know he is loved. Many thanks to the Delaware Valley Airedale Rescue for placing Scout in our home. We will get more pictures to you as he lets us take them!

By the way, I got Blue Buffalo grain free for large dogs. I'll work on getting Molly switched from Eagle Pack to Blue Buffalo. Our most sincere thanks to you and your team of volunteers for making all this happen. Words just aren't adequate to express our gratitude. Sincerely,

Mark, Rhonda Iwanski, and Brittany and Scout - NJ



 Abandoned Dog

 by Robert William Service

 They dumped it on the lonely road, Then like a streak they sped;

 And as along the way | strode, | thought that it was dead:

 And then | saw that yelping pup Rise, race to catch them up.

 You know how silly wee dogs are. It thought they were in fun.

 Trying to overtake their car, | saw it run and run:

 But as they faster, faster went, It stumbled, sore and spent.

 I found it prone upon the way; Of life was little token.

 As limply in the dust it lay, | thought its heart was broken:

 Then one dim eye it opened and It sought to lick my hand.

 Of course | took it gently up, And brought it to my wife

 Who loves all dogs, and now that pup Shares in our happy life:

 Yet how | curse the bastards who [ts good luck never knew!

From:

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