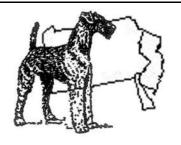
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AMBER'S STORY From Needing a Lifeline to Giving One

Written by Cindy Johnstonbaugh & Mary Lukaszewski

This is a great rescue story of a sick, neglected senior Airedale left at the shelter, and her amazing and rapid transformation. Last fall, Cindy Johnstonbaugh received a call from the local SPCA that they had a senior female Airedale. They didn't have much history except that she was having accidents in the house and didn't get along with their other dog. The volunteer brought out a small Airedale with light red fur and said her name was Aire and they were told that she was about eight

years old. She was a sweet little girl that got along fine with Cindy's three dogs.

Her geriatric blood panel revealed a raging urinary tract infection and the exam found teeth desperately in need of cleaning. The initial antibiotic prescribed to clear up the infection around her



Amber's transport team: Dave & Tai Johnson, Amber (center), and Steven & Riley Udovich

teeth was changed to a stronger one. After the round of

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antibiotics was completed, we scheduled an appointment to have her teeth cleaned. The doctor called to explain that the cleaning was much more involved than they expected. When they touched her teeth, they fell out because of the infection that went far below the gum line. Each socket was filled with puss, and they had never seen teeth this bad. She lost 14 teeth in total. None were pulled - they simply fell out when they touched them. The vet commented that only an Airedale could have tolerated the amount of pain that she had to have suffered with for years. Her remaining teeth are fine and she is completely able to eat.

We were fortunate to have former adopters Carol and Dick Knerr step up and foster her while her mouth healed. While with the Knerr's, Amber enjoyed a family Christmas, complete with her own gifts. She also visited with Tai Johnson for a play date during her healing. In the meantime, the Lukaszewski's were chosen to adopt Amber. They just happened to be therapy dog trainers and they thought Amber would be perfect. What a wonderful new lease on life Amber was about to have!

Here is her training story from new mom Mary Lukaszewski:

"Bringing an older dog into a new home where other dogs have already established their "territories" can create some difficult events but Amber handled her meeting of our other dogs quite well.

"Amber remained quiet and spent most of her time lying around watching and learning. She played the role of a "new dog in the house" by trying to stay out of the other dogs' way and silently joining in the everyday lives of our dogs. It took her over a month before she actually barked but when she began making noise, she was good at it.

"I made note of her actions as you never know what can be useful when you begin training an older dog. We found out that Amber did not know any commands; she had never had even the simplest training. Just a month after her arrival, the semi-annual training session for LEAP (Learning Education Assistance Pups) was scheduled to begin. I was asked to teach the class which made Amber's training more difficult. I had to call upon my husband, Joe, to walk her through the weekly lessons. He will admit to being a complete novice at training dogs but Amber, like most Airedales, had the ability to learn from imitating what the other dogs were doing. In this manner, both Joe and Amber learned the basic obedience commands.

"What worried me the most was the second part of the training when Amber would have to lie still and listen to a child read a book. This is where most of the dogs have trouble - a lot of dogs are just not able to be still for a half hour in the company of strangers, even if a family member is present. Amber never showed any fear of meeting new people. When the children and parents arrived at the library, Amber was at the door to meet and greet them.

"Perhaps being 10 years old and slightly arthritic may have helped, but Amber had no trouble laying still, listening to a five or six-year old read to her. She wasn't the most outgoing dog, there was no face

licking or tail wagging, but she acted like the grand old lady she is.

"Amber did well on the final test which consisted of knowing the basic obedience commands of sit,

down, heel and stay and was just what the doctor ordered when tested her on reading and listening skills and her interaction with children. She knew she had done something well when she was awarded her LEAP bandana and her I.D. card and probably for the



first time, wagged her tail for the audience.

"My next assignment was teaching a Canine Good Citizen class for the Mispillion Kennel Club. It was a large class, about twenty dogs, so I had to enlist Joe again to handle Amber in class. Joe is not the best handler but Amber did manage to learn most of the CGC required commands. At the end of the course she still was not able to do a twenty-foot recall so we did not take the CGC test. There would be all summer to learn the recall; I thought her ability to learn as much as she did at such an advanced age spoke well for any dog, let alone a dog with limited prior socialization.

"We chose a reading class at the Lake Forest Elementary School. It was a class for children who needed help in reading but they had no other physical or mental problems. It was a good place to start Amber working with children. We were a little nervous on the day of Amber's first reading class. Amber wasn't a bit nervous. She walked into the classroom and was met by twenty-five children, all eager to meet their new classmate. Now the tail wagged; and a few faces got licked. The children were delighted to meet their new friend and Amber tried her best to smile for them. There would be no problem making Amber part of the staff of Lake Forest."



Amber continues to study for her CGC class

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over the summer months and surely will pass with flying colors in the fall. Within one year, Amber went from being filled with infection and pain and left at a shelter, to an exciting life filled with love and adventure, while serving her community's children. It's never too late for an Airedale to train and never too late for an Airedale to find a loving family. We are so proud of Amber and the Lukaszewski's for their hard work and dedication!

Adopting a senior Airedale is such a rewarding experience. There are many reasons why older dogs are surrendered and it is rarely, if ever, their fault. ARADV accepts all seniors, regardless of age or condition and Amber is a testament to the Airedale spirit and tenacity to live a full life. We welcome and encourage our former adopters to consider a senior Airedale for their next adoption.



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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.

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:
 - spaved 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.

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memory of Jack and Jazz and of course Joey. We appreciate all the hard work you do to save the 'Dales. After Jack passed last year, and before I could contact you, a friend informed me of an Airedale in a high kill shelter in Kentucky. Lo and behold, Pepper arrived via transport and the rest is history. Please keep us in mind if you need any help with transports.

Please accept this donation in

Love,

Jeannie, Cricket, & Pepper Manderbach - PA

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 strenath.

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.



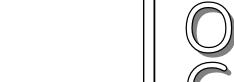
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'Twas the week before Christmas and Pennsylvania's abuzz With temps in the 50's, no one's wearing gloves. With Santa and Mrs., we posed, as you see, To send Christmas wishes from Dave, MJ and me!

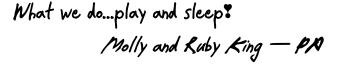
Tai Johnson - PA

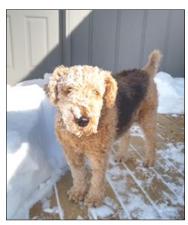




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I wish to make this donation to help with the costs
of rescue. I wish to do this in
honor of Cindy Johnstonbaugh for her hard work in
keeping the organization
moving forward. I also wish
to thank all the rescue members for their hard work.

Anonymous

Please use our modest donation any way you feel fit to benefit the needs of rescue Airedales. We would like to make the donation in memory of our two fabulous rescues, Buster and Bridget, who are waiting at the Bridge with their sisters Maddi and Molly.

Thank you for the work you do.

Denise St John and Steven Mironov — PA This is in memory of Delilah, who Joey brought to me in September 2005. I requested a gentle lamb and she found me the perfect dog. She left me on July 18, 2014, just 2 weeks short of her 15th birthday. Thank you all for your dedication to this wonderful breed.

Margie Mangino - NY



Heart Strings



Please accept this donation in memory of Alice Lambert, who passed away in late February at the age of fourteen. Fostered by us, and then adopted by Glenn and Ginger Lambert, Alice stayed with us whenever the Lamberts traveled. We were her uncle and aunt, and our home was her second home.

Alice was a true Airedale, if not in looks, definitely in character. Her ears stood up, sometimes resembling bookends when she slept. She would whine and moan when she tried to communicate, not because of discomfort or pain, but because this was apparently a habit she developed during her "pre-rescued" days when she wanted attention.

However, she possessed in great quantity the Airedale traits of tenacity (in particular when chipmunks or other intruders were around), loyalty, friendliness, stubbornness, and, especially, love.

She was a close companion to our four Airedales that she played with during her lifetime, especially to our beloved Toby, with whom she would spend hours daily guarding, roaming, and "mischiefing" in our backyard.

During the last few months of her life, tough little Alice displayed courage and a love of life, until her worsening condition necessitated her passing on. We miss this unique Airedale, whom we often referred to as a "little teacup," as much as if she were our own.

Mike & Serafina Lurski — PA

I am writing again with a heavy heart. Michelle and Bill Mencer just wrote and told me that they helped Sadie to the rainbow bridge today. They drove down from Mystic, Connecticut to Joey's to pick up Sadie, she was referred by New England Rescue cause they didn't have any for adoption at that time. I met them at Joey's with Sadie Bug.

She was diagnosed with cancer in her sinuses this spring. She had remained happy and upbeat till now and they said it was time.

She was the girl I picked up in Chambersburg 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ years ago; they locked her in the laundry room and she ate the door and molding off and the husband said she had to go. They spent no time with her and thank God the mom had some common sense and called me.

I'm sure my Maggie and Jasmine met her at the bridge and they are playing tug again which they all loved to do. I remember the time Maggie and Sadie escaped through one of the broken fence panels and showed up together on the front porch, those two were trouble from the get go. It sure doesn't get any easier saying goodbye.

Kathy Enos — PA

On May 14th, Scooter turned 12 and he died just over two weeks later. He was a very good dog who traveled with us to doctor's offices and the beauty parlor, sleeping across the backseat of the car as he and I waited for Bea. The apartment isn't the same without him.

Bea and Bob Lee — FL/NJ

Wanted to let you know that Molly passed on 3/5/16. She had several health issues. We had six great years together. I really miss her.

Shirley McGarvey, —PA



In Loving Memory

Abby Pirolli
Alice Lambert
Astro Ciancarelli
Casey Levy
Champ Brophy
Delilah Forbush
Kaylee Harding
Lily Taylor
Maggie Enos
Molly McGarvey
Sadie Mencer
Scooter Lee
Seamus Harding

Today our beloved Kaylee passed over the Rainbow Bridge. She was the love of our lives and will be very sadly missed.

She was a very special girl given to us by Joey. She was given to Joey by her friend when her friend had to move and could not keep her. Then when Joey could no longer care for her she asked Pat and I to take her and care for her. She was a great joy to us and we are sorry to lose her, but now she can be cared for and loved by our others that have crossed over the Rainbow Bridge, and Joey.

With tears in our eyes and sorrow in our hearts we thank God for the time we had with her and hope we did right for her. Missing Miss Kaylee, with all our love

Meechie-Pat & Bob Harding

HIGHLIGHTS FROM AIRE FAIRE 2016

by Deb Ciancarelli

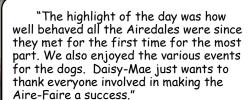
Our yearly Airedale gathering took place on Sunday, April 17th, again at Best Friends Pet Care in Willow Grove, PA. This year we chose to have Aire Faire in April to ensure cooler weather for our dogs and for the humans alike and it was a great choice! About 25 Airedales & a few honorary non-Airedales attended this year, with about 60 of their humans. There were raffle baskets, games, a Best Trick contest and of course world-class shopping at Blooming 'Dales. What an incredible sweet table we had this year! As a special treat this year, our wonderful sponsor FRESHPET donated loaves of their healthy food and bags of snacks to every dog who attended.

Each year we are so pleased with how well the dogs get along and how friendly and engaging our guests are, sharing tales of their Airedales' antics. It's a couple of fun hours spent with others who love the breed as

much as we do! We will continue the tradition of Aire Faire each Spring, and hope to see you there so we can visit with our beloved rescued Airedales. Some of them spend months in foster care and all are near and dear to our volunteers' hearts. It is such a joy to see them again and see the progress each has made in their adoptive families' care.

"When our girl, Suzie, came to us, she was a bundle of fear disguised as an Airedale. She is now much more adjusted to daily life, but she had not been in a situation with a crowd of people or other dogs since she had come to us. Aire Faire was to be her "Coming out Party." She had a wonderful time wandering among the friendly dogs and people, but the true highlight of the day for her was meeting Woody Swift. With his charm and Airedale handsomeness, Woody sent her heart beating fast and her tail wagging faster. Suzie and Woody spent much of the afternoon together, sniffing and wagging. Our family, especially Suzie, hopes to see Woody at the next Aire Faire."

Tom & Nancy Sells



Judy & Mike Grembowiec

"We were excited that Trevor got 2nd place in the Pet Tricks! A highlight for me was being able to see the wooden bowl with the Airedale head that magically appeared upon turning! And all the wonderful food!"

Viki & Bob Honeywell



"We enjoyed the Aire Faire very much. Even though Buddy stayed close by, he loved the tricks they did and I did buy an embroidered shirt with a "Buddy" on the front. Everyone was so friendly!"

Jeri & Karl Kellett



For Your Information

Advice for Traveling Across State Lines With Pets

By Dr. Nina Mantione (www.gopetplan.com)

Best friends make great travel companions. They don't text while driving, they won't try to change the radio station and they never complain. Well, rarely, at least.

If you've ever traveled with a furry friend before, you probably took a few simple steps to ensure a safe and secure trip; you packed a pet first aid kit, scouted out emergency vets near your destination, and protected your pet from any unexpected accidents or illnesses that might occur with Petplan pet insurance.

But did you pack your pet's health documents?

Recently, an animal rescuer in Wisconsin was fined over \$700 because the animal that she imported into Wisconsin did not have documentation from a veterinarian stating that the animal was free of disease and current on vaccinations.

Unbeknownst to many pet parents, dogs and cats who cross state borders are required by the Department of Agriculture to meet certain entry requirements. While every state has different requirements for best friends crossing state borders, most states require one of two things, if not both: a pet health certificate, and a certificate stating that your pet is current on vaccinations, such as rabies

A pet health certificate, or certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) as it is called by many states, is a document that includes pertinent infor-

mation about your pet and his health. A certificate of Veterinary Inspection typically shows not only your pet's information (e.g. name, age, if they are microchipped) but also that your pet has received recommended vaccinations, is not showing signs of infectious, contagious or communicable disease, and is healthy for travel. Not every state requires you to be in possession of a CVI when traveling into that state with your pet, but if they do, chances are they also require that it be signed by your veterinarian and relatively current (often within the past 30 days).

Some states, such as California, do not require that dogs and cats have a certificate of veterinary inspection, but they do require that you have documentation supporting your pet's rabies vaccination. That information can be noted in the health certificate or on a secondary source (such as the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians Form #51 Rabies Vaccination Certificate or rabies tag).

To be completely prepared for your pet's trip, check the specific regulations for each state you will be traveling to at the Department of Agriculture website.

And so before your next trip across state lines, pack a copy of your pet's health papers in the glove box. Not only will it protect you and your pet from any fines, but should your pet get ill and need emergency care, you will have your pet's health records ready at hand.

Squirrel Appreciation Day

SQUIRREL APPRECIATION DAY Is January 21: Are You Ready?

January 21 is National Squirrel Appreciation day. While everyone can celebrate squirrels in their own way, here are a few ideas to get you started:

- Check local television listings for documentaries about squirrels. The National Geographic Channel and Animal Planet are likely to have a special presentation.
- Look out your window. Squirrels are everywhere. What can you learn about squirrels just by watching them in your own backyard?
- Read a book about squirrels and their natural

habitat

 Research squirrels online. You'll find several sites dedicated just to our furry friends. Did you know, for instance, that there are 365 species of squirrels? That's a squirrel for every day of the year.

If you're wondering who' idea this was, Christy Hargrove from Asheville, North Carolina started Squirrel Appreciation Day on January 21, 2001. Christy is a wildlife rehabilitator in North Carolina, and is is affiliated with the Western North Carolina Nature Center



For Your Information

All Dogs Are at Risk in the Hot Months - Don't Let Yours Be a Summer Casualty

By Dr. Jessica Vogelsang Reprinted from petMD.com

Here in Southern California, we have a dreaded phenomenon known as the Santa Ana's, when the normal wind pattern reverses and instead of a nice coastal offshore breeze, we get blistering dry winds pouring in from the desert.

Most of us understand that this affects how we go about our day, and the intrepid make the necessary adjustments so they can continue their normal activities without problems. Unfortunately, there are a number of people who still fall short in the common sense department.

I took my dog Brody for a hike yesterday, starting early because I knew the day was going to hit 80 degrees before noon. When we parked I saw a huge sign out front with a heat warning and a message for people to be sure to bring enough water for themselves as well as their pets. The park ranger told me it's not uncommon for them to see at least several dogs a year die of heat stroke on the trails, which are remote enough where there is no easy access out, other than the way you came in. And it's tragic because it's so preventable.

Fortunately, the signs seem to be helping. On this hot day I saw plenty of dogs and people carrying lots of water. We stop at least every 30 minutes to let Brody drink, and he plops himself face first into the bowl with glee. We also picked a trail that curves around a lake, so halfway through he was able to take a dip and then enjoy the cooling evaporation process on the hike back.

Because dogs don't have sweat glands the way humans do, they are limited to panting as their major cooling effort. (They do have some sweat glands in their paws, though they are not the principal mechanism for cooling.) This, coupled with the insulation effect of their fur, means they are prime candidates for heat exhaustion, particularly if they haven't been building up to longer walks—which is why the weekend warriors are the ones who so frequently run into trouble.

Everyone should know the signs of heat exhaustion and impending heat stroke in dogs: sluggishness, very heavy panting, bright red gums, hypersalivation (which can progress to the opposite: dry tacky gums), vomiting or diarrhea, and collapse. In the later stages, death can occur rapidly if not treated in an ER.

Certain dogs are especially prone to heat stroke: overweight pets, brachycephalic (flat faced) breeds like pugs and bulldogs, and dogs with dark coats. If you have any suspicion that your dog is showing early signs of heat exhaustion, stop, spray your pet with cool water (NOT ice!), and call an ER for guidance.

Of course, the best solution is to prevent it from happening in the first place by being aware of the risks. Avoid walks during the hottest periods of the day, acclimate your pet to longer walks, and make sure you take plenty of water breaks. And for goodness sake, don't leave your pet in the car on a hot day. But you knew that one, right?

As we head into the hot months, remember with a little planning there's no reason you can't enjoy the great outdoors. Have fun and stay safe.



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.



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 Airedalez@comcast.net



Kevin and I can't thank you enough for bringing Mya and Rudy into our lives. Mya has come to fill our hearts with her crazy antics and sweet loving kisses. She is definitely a 'dale full'of energy. Thankfully Řudy is so good to her and allows her to take his bones, toys, and just climb all over him. We love watching them play and romp around. Mya came into our lives at a time when our hearts were broken over losing our sweet Raven girl. She has helped heal the pain in our hearts and in Rudy's heart.

The love of a 'dale is like no other! I can not wait to get home from work every day to see Mya and Rudy and get kisses and love from them. Thank you again for the work that you do to help bring so much happiness into a family.

Diane and Kevin OConnell



Nellee discovered she can see far and wide on her new seat... So cute. Connie Forbush -

I just wanted you to know that yesterday our Dudlee had his 3rd test for therapy dog & he passed! The observer thought he was just a wonderful & very smart dog. I said he is a true comedian & yes he is very smart. I just wanted to share our good news & to say that Dudlee & Daley are very good friends to one another & of course they are our Best Friends.

We hope all is well with you & all who are involved with our Airedale Réscue. God's peace, Linda & Cork Meyer — PA

It doesn't seem possible but we will be celebrating our eighth Christmas with Sam, our beautiful and special Airedale we adopted from Joey. He will be twelve years old in February and is still the most perfect and lovable member of our family. Sincerely,

Mike and Anne Marie Mastroianni — NJ

You continue to bring so much joy to our hearts by rescuing the Airedale breed. We see pictures all over the house of the fond memories of Rosie and Rigby. Happiness is the love they continue to bring.

Veronica and Jim Longenecker Lancaster — PA

We will never be able to thank you enough for providing us with such wonderful companions. They are so intelligent, I believe they can read our minds. They are both such a joy and they get along really well.

Sam said that he has finally found his home sweet home. He hasn't ever tried to escape. (Sam was surrendered because his previous owners couldn't keep him in their yard. They tried many ways to secure it and he defeated each one. He would go to a neighbor's house, slam his body against a door to get inside, and play with their dogs.)

Keep up the great work. You did a great tribute to Joey. She will be remembered with grace and gratitude. Much Appreciation,

Joanne & Paul Costy Port Carbon — PA





We Get Letters

Enclosed is a check to support your wonderful organization. I hope things are going well for ARADV through a difficult adjustment. Be well and keep up the good work.

Jackie Johns and rescue Savannah —



Katie, after one year of adoption! Thanks for making this happen. Lyle and Mary Smith — PA

I can't believe its been over 3 years since you brought our wonderful Golly to us! We are thankful every day that she is a part of our family. Still goofy and crazy with a big fuzzy heart. I included a few photos of Golly throughout the year.

Janice Woods —





Katie says hello I'm so happy with my family!! Ann McNabb —



One year ago today we made the trek to Mary Jo and Dave's house to meet Ethel. It was one of the best days of our lives. Thanks to my cousins who hosted us during our aborted attempt with the wrong adoptee a week prior. I think part of the reason we didn't give up after that catastrophic canine caucus, we probably would have given up, except that my cousins went to so much work and were so nice to have hosted a near dogfight in Suzanne's living room, it seemed a shame to waste all that and not continue the quest. Enter Mary Jo and Cindy and of course Jody, who arranged to give us the gift of auditioning to be the new family for this wonder pooch. Serafina and Mike being there to see Lucy was icing on the cake. And Lucy and soon-to-be-known-as-Ethel, fast friends from that start in Mary Jo's yard, are even closer now. Sometimes Lucy is the only way to get Ethel to stop doing whatever it is she shouldn't be doing at the time (she's an Airedale, so that's fairly often!).

Ethel's a doll, and she's a devil... much like Tobey was when he was 18 months, and I'm sure everyone is tired of me extolling Tobey's near-perfection as man's best friend. Although, Tobey never ate a leash, much less about six now, nor did he ever eat the car - apparently Ethel has a taste for German food!

Anyway thanks to all who brought Ethel to us, and hope all of you who are receiving this aren't rolling your eyes too much, saying, "Oh, there they go again with the dog pics!"

Here's a rear-view pic from the last big snowstorm of winter. Chuck has named it "I can see Russia".

And both pooches drying off after that snow on their sofa in the sun room. You can see the snow caked in Ethel's leg fur. You can also see her wooly mammoth plush/squeaky toy (that might have been #4), which she loves to tear up and have Chuck sew it up and repeat until it's time for a replacement because it can't be repaired anymore.

Bill Taylor & Chuck Adam - PA



THERE is sorrow enough in the natural way From men and women to fill our day; And when we are certain of sorrow in store, Why do we always arrange for more? Brothers and sisters, I bid you beware Of giving your heart to a dog to tear.

Buy a pup and your money will buy Love unflinching that cannot lie Perfect passion and worship fed By a kick in the ribs or a pat on the head. Nevertheless it is hardly fair To risk your heart for a dag to tear.

When the fourteen years which Nature permits Are closing in asthma, or tumour, or fits, And the vet's unspoken prescription runs To lethal chambers or loaded guns, Then you will find - it's your own affair, - But ... you've given your heart to a dog to tear.

The solution of the body that lived at your single will, With its whimper of welcome, is stilled (how still!), When the spirit that answered your every mood Is gone - wherever it goes - for good, You will discover how much you care, And will give your heart to a dog to tear!

We've sorrow enough in the natural way, Were it comes to burying Christian clay. Our loves are not given, but only lent, At compound interest of cent per cent, Though it is not always the case, I believe, That the longer we've kept 'em, the more do we grieve; For, when debts are payable, right or wrong, A short-time loan is as bad as a long - So why in - Heaven (before we are there) Should we give our hearts to a dog to tear?

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