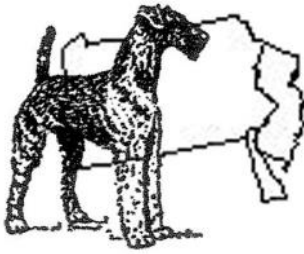


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JOEY FINERAN MEMORIAL and AIRE FAIRE IV

By Deb Ciancarelli

Many years ago, Joey Fineran and Mary Jo Johnson had a conversation about happy childhood memories. Joey told her there was a poem that she loved about children going to a fair to celebrate. Joey loved going to fairs! What a fitting tribute that the lady who lovingly founded Airedale Rescue would be feted with a fond farewell at an Aire Faire! On May 17, 2015, about 25 Airedales and their humans gathered to pay their respects to our beloved Founder and President. With a new venue, Best Friends Pet Care in Willow Grove, PA, the setting had changed, but the spirit, camaraderie and love for all things Airedale had not. Our theme for the event was "Honoring the past, but looking forward to a bright future."



One by one, well-behaved Airedales entered the gym, pleasantly greeting each other. Many even roamed the event off-leash, as the gym was securely fenced and built just for the purpose of safe play. Shoppers eagerly perused "Blooming 'Dales," our on-location store, which was manned all day by volunteers Heather & Clive Hon. Sales were brisk, as part of the offerings were treasures from the personal collection of Joey.

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Many adopters and personal friends were delighted to have the opportunity to own a piece that they may have admired during a visit to Joey's cottage.



The main purpose of our gathering was to honor and memorialize Joey. Everyone was invited to share a story or remembrance of Joey and many people stepped up to the microphone. We laughed and we cried together as tales of Joey's compassion, dedication and devotion were told by her friends. The outpouring of love and respect for Joey was heartwarming and we believe she would have approved of the humor-infused storytelling!

Lunch was plentiful and delicious, including Sloppy Joes, meatballs, sausage, and many varied salads and wonderful desserts shared by our guests. A crowd favorite was the "Airedale Lunch Kit" - in both regular and grain-free biscuits! While eating, everyone enjoyed talking Airedale with surrounding guests at the large round tables.



Two baskets of grooming supplies that belonged to Joey were raffled off, and fittingly won by Pam McKusick of Airedale Rescue, Metro Washington. Joey would certainly be pleased to know that these tools will continue to be used to groom rescued Airedales. A toy basket, treats and a Dog Show book were also raffled.

Finally, a handcrafted Airedale bench with a plaque memorializing Joey was raffled and was won by Joan Crum, who incredibly gave the bench to ME as a gift! It has a place of honor by my front door. Thank you so much, Joan!



Joan and Deb on the Airedale bench

While the magical Airedale haven on Lonely Cottage Road may no longer be the headquarters of Airedale Rescue of Delaware Valley, ARADV will live on through the efforts of our great team of volunteers. We must continue to evolve and adapt in order to continue Joey's mission, which we all pledge to do. Her wisdom, experience, and integrity will perpetually be our guide and inspiration, and we will strive to serve Airedale rescue in a manner of which she would be proud.

We welcome you, our friends and adopters, to join us in any capacity of volunteerism - be it fostering, transporting or helping us with our fundraising events. We always need a little muscle so if there are any Boy Scouts looking to help a charity and earn their merit badges, we would love to have you! Crafters, technical help, business assistance, entrepreneurial ideas, etc. are always appreciated. Being a sum of many different parts will ensure our longevity and success.

Finally, we want to thank everyone for their generous donations in memory of Joey. ARADV was not her hobby or pastime - it was her life's work. And her life's work made the world a better place.

God bless you, Joey - we really miss you.

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.com. We'd also enjoy hearing how your dog is doing. Thank you.

The House that Joey Built

A house needs a strong foundation in order to withstand the forces of time and nature. Joey Fineran completely built the foundations of both Airedale Rescue and Adoption of the Delaware Valley, and National Airedale Rescue, from nothing but a good idea. She created the procedures and documentation to take an Airedale from surrender to placement and everything in between. Then she implemented ways to keep track of the dog and created a fallback system if circumstances changed for the placed Airedale and he/she needed to return to Rescue.

No one will ever replace Joey and her knowledge and passion for Airedales, but she has left us with a strong foundation to follow. When Joey first became ill, she began my training in earnest. Due to her health, I picked up more and more responsibilities for the day to day operation of ARADV. Of course she was always there to answer my questions and concerns. There are many days that I want to call and talk about something with her and remember that she is gone. I will always miss her, but I'm very honored that she chose me to continue her work.

ARADV is very fortunate in the last year to have experienced an increase of volunteers. All of our officer positions are filled and more regions have volunteers available.

A recently completed goal was to compile all our records into a database. Now we plan to use that database to improve communication with adopters through email, birthday cards, gotcha day cards, sympathy cards. We will reach out to adopters for help with transports, home visits, picking up dogs, etc. We feel that our adopters are an untapped resource of volunteers. We have updated our website and a Facebook page is in the planning stage.

In May we organized the Aire Faire as a memorial to Joey. At the last minute, we had to find a new venue, but after that, things went smoothly and it was a very successful event, especially with the beautiful tributes and memories that were shared about Joey.

We will continue to set up and run the Rescue Bazaar at Montgomery during The Week of the Airedale.

In summary, let me reassure everyone that by using the foundation that Joey built, Airedale Rescue is strong, and we are determined to continue her mission of helping Airedales in need.

Cindy Johnstonbaugh

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

Contributions have been received from these ardent supporters:

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And also the following loyal contributors:

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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.

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

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Charlie Nienstiel
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Katie McNabb
Katie Smith
Nessie Papadopoulos-
Gilmour
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Supporter of Airedale Rescue of the Delaware Valley

Heartfelt Thanks

Please accept the enclosed check to honor Joey Fineran's memory. I hope the good work she began on behalf of Airedales will continue (I believe it will.) Our lovely dog Cassie came into our house three years ago via ARADV and the efforts of Cindy and Joey. She is so smart: I've begun explaining things to her and she seems to get it!

Judy Olsen - PA

Please accept this donation in memory of my niece, Ciara Bishop. She passed away last weekend at the young age of 25. Ciara had a soft spot for animals, dogs in need of a good home in particular. My husband Mike Marzo, emailed Cindy regarding Goldman-Sachs matching funds. Thank you so much.

Sandra Marzo

Please accept this donation to Airedale Rescue in memory of Joey Fineran. She gave us excellent advice when I was desperate for help with our Airedale. We will be grateful forever.

Tom & Nancy Sell - PA

Cathy and I were saddened to learn of Joey's passing. Our hope is that she is finally pain-free, as we know the last couple of years have been difficult for her.

Please accept the following gift in Joey's memory. We deeply appreciate all of ARADV's great work taking care of needy Airedales!

John & Cathy Zettler - CA

Enclosed is a donation for the Airedales, in memory of Joey. Our Dale passed away last year - he brought us more joy and love than we could've hoped for. All our love,

Maria & David Williams - NJ

Please accept the enclosed donation to honor Joey's memory. It is difficult to find the words to express how much she will be missed. Her shoes will be so challenging to fill. We hope to become foster parents in a few years when we retire.

Lee & Bob Marsh - PA

Please accept this check in memory of Joey Fineran, best friend ever to Airedales. She supplied me with my last three rescues and will truly be missed. Sincerely,

Jackie Johns - PA

In memory of Joey Fineran. She was a great lady, and such a friend to her beloved Airedales.

Joan Crum - NJ

At the recent meeting of the Mid Jersey Airedale Terrier Club meeting (MJATC) the Board unanimously approved a Joey Fineran memorial gift to ARADV, for all the service and friendship she has provided to our members.

We just found out that our Rescue Contact, Dave Falk, is on dialysis, but he always kept us up to date with dogs he worked with. Keep up the good work with these marvelous and devoted Airedales.

Don Braun (Treasurer, MJATC) - NJ

We are pleased to provide this donation to honor the life of Joey Fineran. She was an amazing advocate for Airedale Terriers and will be missed. Sincerely,

*Mike & Deb Quickel,
and Baxter, Bandit & Tobi - PA*

A donation in honor of Joey Fineran, an angel to many, many 'Dales. We all will miss her tremendously.

William & Betsy King - PA

Please accept this donation in memory of Joey, and in honor of her efforts that led to the formation of Airedale Rescue - the most organized and devoted breed rescue. Joey will be missed by many. Sincerely,

Denise St John-Mironov & Steve Mironov - PA

We were so saddened to learn of Joey's passing. Memories of her will always be so special with her devotion to Airedale Rescue, and her special talent in preparing the dogs for their future homes. She so brightened our lives with our two rescues - Chloe (in doggie heaven) and Daisy Mae. They were both the perfect companions to us and our beloved Mom, who passed the year prior to Joey. It's a comfort to know they are sharing Airedale stories above.

In memory of Joey, my mom Mary, and Chloe, please accept the enclosed donation to assist with the care of the Airedale rescues waiting for new homes. Sincerely,

Judie & Mike Grembowiec - NJ

I am deeply sorry to hear of our dear friend's passing. A small contribution in her honor from the Randle family is enclosed.

Ann Randle - PA



Heart Strings



Juno was our beautiful Airedale Terrier who we rescued seven years ago. She passed away today from an abdominal tumor. We will miss her terribly.

Tom Marino



In Loving Memory

Abby Chismar

Brady Braun

Dexter Nenstiel

Jake McNabb

Juno Marino

Mike Ames-Dietz

Miss Patches Knerr

Sadie Mae Gerken

Trudy Phelan

I am writing to tell you that Dexter has passed on to join our other beloved Airedales. A few months ago he began to have trouble walking and seemed to trip over his back feet. Upon examination by our vet, he was given a diagnosis of a neurological problem. Because of his age, our vet suggested that we not search for the exact cause or treat Dexter for this problem, but keep quality of life foremost in mind. The vet also thought he had some arthritis in his hips and prescribed Deramaxx, an NSAID.

Lately Dexter lost some weight, appeared thinner in the hip area and was struggling to push himself up with his hind legs. Because he was struggling more, was very wobbly, didn't like being alone on the first floor at night and began crying when he couldn't get up, we took him to be euthanized today.

Dexter was an extremely loving dog who also was an expert at seeking out love and letting his people know exactly where he wanted to be petted--his head was his favorite spot! He was the biggest, most stubborn, digging-est, and most joyful Airedale we have loved. He greatly enriched our home! Thank you for rescuing him and sharing him with us.

Susan Nenstiel

Please accept the enclosed donation in memory of our special companion, Patches. We were introduced to Miss Patches, formerly Sophie, by Joey Fineran and Maria Matson on November 12, 2003. She has been a wonderful addition to our lives until she passed Sunday night, June 14th, in her sleep. As Dick's friend observed, "They only hurt you when they leave you."

We are forever grateful to Airedale Rescue and Adoption of the Delaware Valley.

Carol & Dick Knerr - 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.

Remembering Joey Fineran

The Rescuers Final Reward

by Benny Archuleta

Unlike most days at the Rainbow Bridge, this day dawned cold and gray. All the recent arrivals at the Bridge did not know what to think, as they had never seen such a day. But the animals who had been waiting longer for their beloved people to accompany them across the Bridge knew what was happening, and they began to gather at the pathway leading to the Bridge.

Soon an elderly dog came into view, head hung low and tail dragging. He approached slowly, and though he showed no sign of injury or illness, he was in great emotional pain. Unlike the animals gathered along the pathway, he had not been restored to youth and vigor upon arriving at the Bridge. He felt out of place, and wanted only to cross over and find happiness.

But as he approached the Bridge, his way was barred by an angel, who apologized and explained that the tired and broken-spirited old dog could not cross over. Only those animals accompanied by their people were allowed to cross the Bridge. Having nobody, and with nowhere else to turn, the dog trudged into the field in front of the Bridge.

There he found others like himself, elderly or infirm, sad and discouraged. Unlike the other animals waiting to cross the Bridge, these animals were not running or playing. They simply were lying in the grass, staring forlornly at the pathway across the Rainbow Bridge. The old dog took his place among them, watching the pathway and waiting, yet not knowing for what he was waiting.

One of the newer dogs at the Bridge asked a cat who had been there longer to explain what was happening. The cat replied, "Those poor animals were abandoned, turned away, or left at rescue places, but never found a home on earth. They all passed on with only the love of a rescuer to comfort them. Because they had no people to love them, they have nobody to escort them across the Rainbow Bridge."

The dog asked the cat, "So what will happen to those animals?" Before the cat could answer, the clouds began to part and the cold turned to bright sunshine. The cat replied, "Watch, and you will see."

In the distance was a single person, and as he approached the Bridge the old, infirm and sad animals in the field were bathed in a golden light. They were at once made young and healthy, and stood to see what their fate would be. The animals who had previously gathered at the pathway bowed their heads as the person approached. At each bowed head, the person offered a scratch or hug. One by one, the now youthful and healthy animals from the field fell into line behind the person. Together, they walked across the Rainbow Bridge to a future of happiness and unquestioned love.

The dog asked the cat, "What just happened?"

The cat responded, "That was a rescuer. The animals gathered along the pathway bowing in respect were those who had found their forever homes because of rescuers. They will cross over when their people arrive at the Bridge. The arrival here of a rescuer is a great and solemn event, and as a tribute they are permitted to perform one final act of rescue. They are allowed to escort all those poor animals they couldn't place on earth across the Rainbow Bridge."

The dog thought for a moment, then said, "I like rescuers." The cat smiled and replied, "So does heaven, my friend. So does heaven."

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Remembering

There are particular people who shine a light that is so powerful it reaches to all the dark places in the world. Joey Fineran will always remain one of those special light-shiners, and shining lights. Those of us lucky enough to have met her could never forget her gentleness, charm, kindness, courtesy and consideration within the human sphere, but her adoration of and love for Airedales (with a capital 'A') surpasses even those qualities.

If the world were full of Joey Finerans, what an even more splendid and true light would be shining in dark corners. We can only imagine the welcome she is receiving now, from myriad Rescue Airedales and other souls, across that Bridge.

Travel safely and well, Joey. Your light is without peer, your candle and star burn forever.

Sue Forrester - Australia



Joey will be missed. I only hope to have 1/2 the heart that she did.

Steph Callahan

We will miss her greatly. She was always there for Airedales. We love you Joey.

Bob and Lee Marsh MD

A loving tribute to our dear friend. I vow to honor Joey's memory in any way I can helping Airedales. I miss my friend & mentor deeply already.

Deb Ciancarelli NJ

I have enjoyed my interactions with Joey, her stories, kindness, and found her strength in the last few years very inspirational. I also want to express my condolences to all her friends and family members.

We are all fortunate for having met Joey. She impacted our lives in so many different ways.

Niky Dominique Kliger PA

She will truly be missed. Life is way too short. I wish I could've known her longer. I love how someone said that 'Joey is a person with an Airedale heart.' That's truly amazing. What an inspiration for us all. She will live on. I hope she's playing with my Bentley right now. He needed her attention!)

Please let us know how we can help...

Heather Lee Archut - PA

I'm so sorry, my condolences to her family and Airedale family.

Lee Grosskreuz Hechtel

I've had many friends and mentors in rescue. People like Chris Halvorson and Liz Mattison encouraged Tim and I to lend a hand. This led me to meeting Joey. Joey, the human lady with an Airedale heart. They say people come into your life for a reason and this is very true of Joey. She helped me fine tune my skill with lively conversation and debate. She and I had many of these spirited conversations-- always in a respectful way. She was right sometimes and I think I was right sometimes. In the end, we learned from each other. (Well I probably learned more from her.) When I was president of National Airedale Rescue she stood quietly by my side and gave sage advice. I didn't really understand how much I learned until later. I truly believe that when other groups look to National Airedale Rescue for a blueprint on how to do rescue right it is because Joey gave us such a strong foundation. It is no exaggeration that the Airedale Rescue organization that we have built is thanks to her efforts and those of her supporters in the early days-- rescue wasn't popular then but it was still right and ethical.

My heart hurts tonight.

Joey spoke Airedale with 100% expertise. She understood dogs in a way most people do not. She would be the first to tell you that she understood the Airedales far better than she understood most people. Joey had no tolerance for people that were unjust in their treatment of dogs or people in need. She was willing to take a stand and do what she believed to be right and ethical even when it wasn't popular. Sometime she stood alone but she did it with conviction. Joey may not have had a fat checkbook but she had a huge heart stuffed with the love of the many dogs she rescued over the years. Joey, until we meet again, I will continue your work. Thank you for being my mentor and friend.

Christine Sheffer NY

Joey Fineran



Godspeed, Joey!

Yvonne Michalak

My Sweet Friend of so many years ago, now gone. I believe Joey was not only greeted and loved by many, many Airedales yesterday, but I also believe she saw the face of God!

She was not only my mentor but also a sister in Christ. I too have tears today.

Mary Gade

Joey's legacy will live on in Airedale Rescue and she will be remembered by all who meet her. Anyone who has had contact with other rescues will know Airedale Rescue stands out as the most organized and dedicated breed rescue anywhere, and it all started with Joey's determination.

Joey earned the respect of many and will indeed be missed,

Denise StJohn PA

Donald and I are so sad that Joey passed away. I know that Tilla, Penny, Curly Sue, Tuscany, Sabra and Princess are all there to welcome her at the Rainbow Bridge. Our thoughts are with you. Please do let us know about a memorial service.

Sally Ives MA

It nearly breaks my heart not writing "Lonely Cottage Road" on this envelope. In memory of a wonderful woman with a heart as strong as an Airedale. I miss her. My rescue from ARADV, Lily, is 11 now and has bone cancer - another heart-breaker. She has survived for nine months thus far, longer than I expected. Joey brought her to me. She was about two, a skinny, scared little thing. She has enjoyed a happy, comfortable life and been well loved. All the best.

Julia VA

I never met Joey Fineran. I was given her name and contact info by a former employee of Freshpet, who told me she was interested in receiving a donation of our dog food. This was somewhere around the end of 2006 or the beginning of 2007; I know because she and her beloved rescue, Airedale Rescue and Adoption of the Delaware Valley, were among the very first charity groups we became affiliated with, and have developed a wonderful long-standing partnership with, to benefit these very deserving rescued Airedales.

We spoke on the phone, and talked about the importance of a good, nutritious diet for dogs to restore them to health and maintain their overall well-being. That was truly the very early days of Freshpet, as very few people knew of us or of the concept of a refrigerated dog food product, but Joey knew. She knew who we were, the high quality ingredients we were using and the types of products we were introducing to the pet community, and she wanted her rescued waifs to be among the first to benefit from Freshpet's generosity. Joey and I arranged the very first donation effort between the rescue and our Company, and the rest is history - after a few initial donations under our belts and phone calls concerning how the dogs enjoyed and benefited from the different food and treat items, she introduced me to Mike and Serafina Lurski, who I worked with on donations for years, and then to Ms. Mary Jo Johnson, who I still have the pleasure of arranging our donations with to this day. I consider each and every person I've met through this wonderful organization a friend and fellow dog advocate.

No, I never met Joey Fineran. But through our early conversations, she impressed me as an incredibly knowledgeable force for all dogs and especially for the Airedale breed she loved so dearly, a passionate, energetic, no-nonsense type of gal who was always willing to go the extra mile to ensure that any pup entrusted to her care would have only the best in every way possible. And although I never met her, I truly believe her to be a kindred spirit with me and all the people she's inspired to try to make life just a little bit better for so many rescued four-legged souls along the way.

Our world is poorer for her passing - rest in peace, Joey. And I'll just bet that the Rainbow Bridge was rocking and rolling with the sounds of all the paws running to greet you and be close to you once again. Sincerely,

Carole Slade, Freshpet Product Donations PA

Remembering Joey Fineran

Joey meant so much not only to the Airedales that she helped, but to all of us who benefited from her wisdom and advice.

Cindy, thank you for being there for Joey through all of those difficult days when the rest of us could only pray for her.

There is a sadness in Airedale rescue over the loss of our friend and mentor, Joey Fineran.

Delia Hardie

I didn't know Joey personally but her example shone so brightly one could not help but notice. Although she may now have lost her physical battle, her battle to save Airedales in need carries on as her loving spirit continues to guide & encourage those who rescue as she herself did so well in life.

My mind's eye can see the many wagging tails that greeted Joey as she performed her final act of rescue & helped those 'dales that weren't able to before, to cross o'er the Rainbow Bridge.

doG speed Joey to your well-deserved rest! Peace,
Mare Moore - Ontario, Canada

Joey's depth of passion and dedication was so inclusive! The thing about Joey that stuck with me after I spoke with her on the phone was the way she didn't give even one hint of setting herself apart as expert. She shared experiences back and forth with me in a down to earth way. She was problem solving, earnestly involved, and totally without eye rolling; 100% for the dog of the moment, the long-time stray Texas PartDale who became my dear, sweet Wildman Rex.

Evie

So sorry to hear Joey lost her battle. I never met her in person, but corresponded with her as she helped with the rescue of a couple of breeding bitches and some mixed puppies from a backyard kennel. She sounds like she will be sorely missed by Airedales and all who loved them

Barbara Morrison WV



Thank you Joey for all you did - and for Hugo Elmo and Henry - all wonderful and special and just right for our family. You will be missed tremendously.

Nikki Macelree

So sad to hear. I did not know Joey but knew her name and of her connection to Airedale rescue. One of those people you wish you had had the opportunity to meet.

Marcia Hogsed

Joey was a wonderful person and will be remembered by many as the mother of Airedale rescue as we know it today. Godspeed Joey!

Lynn O'Shaughnessy

It is a rare thing for anyone to touch so many lives in so positive and so personal a way as Joey did through Airedale Rescue. As long as I have known her, I have been in awe of the dedication and commitment that she had for this cause, her cause.

I only met Joey face to face three times - when I was adopting dogs, but I feel like I knew her much better than that through hours of phone calls and thousands of emails, mostly about *Starting Over*, and a few about problems with dogs. She was always there for the Airedales, and no detail was too small for her attention.

I know I will miss her, and I believe we are all a little poorer for losing her presence from our world.

Keith Johnson DE



For Your Information

The Pistol Packing Airedales of the U.S. Navy's Fighting 16

From the days of the Legions of Rome, military units have often taken nicknames and mascots as part of their name and insignia. The practice is common and one that is carried on today in all services. In 23 years of service as an Army Officer, I've been a Manchu, a Currahee, and a Fighting Eagle. But had I been a pilot assigned to Navy Air Squadron VF-16, in the years 1942-1945, I'd have been an Airedale, a Pistol Packing Airedale!

The origin of the name is in debate, but it most likely came from the Commander, Executive Officer or Senior Chief of the unit. Given the year, and the fact that the Airedale had been popular in the 20 years leading up to war, it is likely that one of the leaders of the unit had one as a kid like Marion Morrison (John Wayne), or fell in love with national hero and First Pet Laddy Boy, (President Harding's dog). The word went out for a unit nickname and Airedale got the nod.

The unit insignia was described in a Navy newsletter at the time as "wielding a .45 caliber pistol, a bottle of hooch in his back pocket, helmet and goggles askew, while motioning with his finger for some unlucky son of the rising sun to come his

way. Pure Airedale!"

The Airedales were Commanded by Lieutenant Commander Paul Buie who's favorite order on both ship and in the air was "Go get 'em Airedales!" The Airedales had many big days in the war but probably their biggest was on 23 November 1943. While on patrol, they attacked a far superior force of Japanese planes and shot down 17 with no losses. One Airedale, Lieutenant Ralph Hanks, became Ace in a day by scoring five kills. Hanks was also the Navy's first Ace in the Grumman Hellcat. The Airedales scored another 13 kills the following day on 24 November 1943.

The Airedales were de-activated at the end of the war and surprisingly have remained on the inactive rolls of Navy Air Units, (that is, there is no Naval Air Unit designated by the number 16), but Airedales could fly again if the Navy were to see fit to re-activate Air Unit 16. And if that happens, you can probably bet that the Admiral who makes it happen will slam his fist on a

desk and say, "Dam it, re-activate 16. Look, I had an Airedale growing up as a kid. Draft the Airedales re-activation order today, that's an order!"



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DOG LICENSE REMINDER

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county of residence, or city of Wilmington, and expire
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three years at a time, with proof of Rabies vaccination.
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lized dogs.





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

Ethel got her first Airedale haircut yesterday. She is gorgeous!

Ethel has fallen in the pool three times now, and the pool's only been open five weeks or so. None of the times falling in have deterred her from going into the spa or pool steps to drink (which we TRY to get her not to do), nor does it deter her from romping near the pool on the edge of the bricks. Lucy goes nuts when Ethel falls in, and she barks and barks to get Ethel to swim toward her, then she tries to bite her scruff and pull her out. It's cute . . . but because the mishaps falling in are not always when we're out there with them, we decided she needed to have swim lessons so that she's able to know where to swim to the two sets of steps in the pool.

Ethel also loves playing catch with Chuck and Lucy - Chuck throwing the ball from the pool to the girls -

and she's becoming better and better at catching.

Anyway, a warm, sunny Memorial day and a good day for swimming lessons.

Bill Taylor & Chuck Adam PA



My congratulations and commendations, once again, for an outstanding issue of **STARTING OVER**. It seems to be one of the most emotionally moving issues ever. I have to admit that both Serafina and I shared laughs and tears, the latter due to a lot of Airedales passing this year. But the feelings and memories of the owners are so well expressed. The poem at the top of page 5, "When I Got My New Dog," says it all!

Thanks again for the hard work and time spent on publishing **STARTING OVER**.

Mike Lurski PA

Below is Delia after her May 12th ACL surgery on her left leg. She had the procedure on the right leg about 2-3 yrs. ago. The surgeon noted this leg was worse with a tremendous amount of arthritis. I hesitated with the surgery because she is now age 10, but the doctor said she was in good overall health. I wanted to anything to provide her with a good quality of life, so we can enjoy many more walks and she can play with her pals at the Puppy Palace.

Delia is gradually improving and enjoying the outdoors. I would do anything for Delia as she is my best friend! Sincerely,

Scott Krause PA



Nellee has really settled in. She has gained weight, and her coat is really shiny. She is beautiful. She is so smart. She opens doors. We have to lock the door that goes into the garage. She opens it, and goes to check which car is out. If the big door would be open, we'd lose her because I think that she would run. She is just as active as our Irish was, maybe even more so. She lays those ears back, flat against her head, and off she goes. SOooooo fast. She steals all the time too, but so far it's been harmless. She hasn't ruined important things. She really is a good girl though. She listens when we say no. We love her. She is far more street wise than Delilah. More independent.

To sum it up.....I can't thank you enough for considering us for her new family. She and Delilah make my days, better ones. Never had a dog clack her teeth to tell me something before. That's aww-some. Have a great day,

Connie Forbush PA



We Get Letters



Nellie Belle Forbush, ready for Easter



Santa's Honey Brook navigator Golly Woods.

Janice Woods PA

I know most rescue workers never forget... but I will still give you a reminder. We came to your house this time of year several years ago to look at a scared, long legged, short tailed Airedale named "Reese". We were not sure if she was going to work out since (at first) she was so frightened of my husband. Well.... It didn't take long for them to become best buds. They are stuck together like glue. "Reese" has been one of the best dogs we have had in our family thus far. She is one of us! She insists on a daily car ride and has her own spot on the couch that no one else is allowed to sit in! She has become quite the farm dog! She keeps everyone in line and alerts us if one of the horses is laying down, (even if they are just taking a nap).

Anyway, it's been too long, and I am sorry that we have not updated you more often and sooner than this but 2015 will bring a new year and more updates than last year.

Reese is doing great, she is enjoying life and has become my right hand. I can not do anything without her. She loves her truck rides and she loves going for her ride on the RTV and makes sure I put the hay out for the horses, and then loves to go for her walks on my neighbor's blueberry farm of about twenty seven acres. Reese is my buddy.

Reese keeps her eye on me at all times and needs to know what I am doing and needs to be near me at all times. When I cut the fields she is with me either walking next to the tractor or she finds a freshly cut area with shade and just watches me and as soon as I get off the tractor she is on top of me greeting me and playing. I swear to you she is my last Airedale, Harley, reincarnated. We love her so much.

Thank you and your organization for allowing us to adopt Reese, and for all the work that you do in making sure all Airedales are being cared for and treated right by finding them good homes.

Robert and Colleen , and Reese and Ember Gallos - NJ





We Get Letters



Hope all is well with you, and the Dales in this long, cold winter. I'm so sorry to hear about Joey. After reading Mike Lurski's letter I can see she was a wonderful person.

You brought me my wonderful Seamus on June 6, 2014. I plan on making a donation at that time, to celebrate his anniversary.

It was one year ago today that Seamus became MINE! We have had a wonderful year, and we will celebrate tonight with a steak dinner. I'm sure he will love it. He is such a sweet and handsome boy. I just love him. He is always with me, and I love that. I wanted to thank you for all you did to get Seamus here. He likes having a great time. I so love him. I so appreciate it. Again my thanks.

Pat Schwabe & Seamus DE

We adopted two Airedales (brothers) from Joey about eight years ago, and they were just the best companions anyone could ask for. At the time, we had four other dogs - mixed breeds we had adopted over the years - and they all got along perfectly.

Although I only spoke to Joey over the phone to arrange the adoption, we met her for the first time when she delivered the dogs to us. She was most delightful and was totally devoted to the care and finding good homes for the Airedales. Months after the adoption I phoned Joey to tell her how delighted we were with our new family additions.

We felt a deep sadness when we heard of her passing and hope her legacy will continue through the Airedale group. Please accept this donation in her memory. Most sincerely,

Michael & Anne Marie Mastroianni - NJ

Important

We are working on updating our adoption records. Please take a moment and send your name, address, phone number, cell phone number, and email address to Airedalez@comcast.net, even if things haven't changed. The information we have could have been entered incorrectly.

This summer I received a call from a very nice man that had found an Airedale wandering down his street. Using the number on the dog's collar tag, he called me, and I found the likely owner based on where the dog was found. Unfortunately there wasn't a cell phone number so I could only leave a message on the home phone. Airedale and owner could have been reunited earlier if I could have gotten in touch. If you would like, you can even send us an emergency contact number.



Even though it's sunny and hot, it's never too early to think about the winter edition of "Starting Over." Please send us pictures and stories of you and your Airedale(s) celebrating Christmas, Chanukah, Kwanza, or any winter activity. Please send them to Cindy Johnstonbaugh, 790 Menges Mills Rd., Spring Grove, PA 17362.

I RESCUED A HUMAN TODAY

by Janine Allen

I rescued a human today.

Her eyes met mine as she walked down the corridor peering apprehensively into the kennels. I felt her need instantly and knew I had to help her.

I wagged my tail, not too exuberantly, so she wouldn't be afraid. As she stopped at my kennel I blocked her view from a little accident I had in the back of my cage. I didn't want her to know that I hadn't been walked today. Sometimes the overworked shelter keepers get too busy and I didn't want her to think poorly of them.

As she read my kennel card I hoped that she wouldn't feel sad about my past. I only have the future to look forward to and want to make a difference in someone's life.

She got down on her knees and made little kissy sounds at me. I shoved my shoulder and side of my head up against the bars to comfort her. Gentle fingertips caressed my neck; she was desperate for companionship. A tear fell down her cheek and I raised my paw to assure her that all would be well.

Soon my kennel door opened and her smile was so bright that I instantly jumped into her arms. I would promise to keep her safe. I would promise to always be by her side. I would promise to do everything I could to see that radiant smile and sparkle in her eyes.

I was so fortunate that she came down my corridor. So many more are out there who haven't walked the corridors. So many more to be saved. At least I could save one.

I rescued a human today.

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