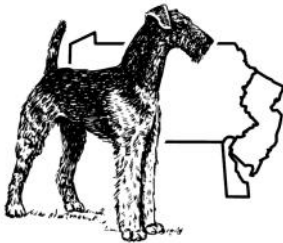


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The Airedale Terriers of Glen Riddle Farm

Story by Lee Marsh (edited by Terry Adcock)

Years ago, my husband and I relocated to Berlin, Maryland, where we bought a home in a subdivision that is a part of the historic Glen Riddle Farm, which is home to the famous racehorse, Man O' War. In the world of thoroughbred racing, the famed horse is considered the greatest racehorse of the twentieth century.

One day, while visiting a local pet store with Petey, my Airedale Terrier, I met an elderly gentleman standing outside the store. I'm sad to say, I never got the man's name, but we got to talking about Airedales, and the gentleman mentioned how they brought back memories of his youth when he worked on the Glen Riddle Farm as a stable hand.

As he told it, "When I was just a laddie working for Mr. Riddle, one of my responsibilities was taking care of the famous Man O' War. Not only that, but over the years, I took care of many of his descendants as well."

As he stroked Petey's head, he remarked that Mr. Riddle himself favored Airedale Terriers. He had a high regard for these intelligent dogs, known for their loyalty, guard instincts, and hunting capabilities. The pack of Airedales he kept had the run of the entire one-thousand-acre farm, where they protected his family and racehorses alike. The old gentleman shared that it was not unusual for Mr. Riddle's formidable pack of Airedales to chase down and take a deer in the fields nearby.

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Along with the horse trainers and support crew, Mr. Riddle also took his Airedales for security whenever they attended a race. He tethered his Airedale Terriers around the stables to prevent anyone from harming his racehorses. No one dared come near, not with Mr. Riddle's pack on guard. He had more trust in them than in the track's security.

The old gentleman continued scratching Petey's ears while he reminisced about his days at Riddle Farm. The two of them bonded almost immediately.

He was delighted to see an Airedale Terrier at Riddle Farm again. He said it felt appropriate, and it reminded him of Mr. Riddle's Airedales from the old days.

Although he might have been joking, I kind of believed the old gentleman. He cautioned that people should remain vigilant when walking about at night. According to him, those Airedales still roamed free on the old Riddle Farm. If you listened carefully, on a clear evening, you could hear them barking in the distance while on the hunt.



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.***

The Epitome of Dog: Harry Ives

Recently someone who lived with a variety of dogs over the years told me she always thought Airedales epitomized "dog." In her thinking there was no other breed that was more dog-like.

I think Harry, our ninth Airedale, qualifies. Of course, as a terrier:

Harry loves digging;



and rolling on dead leaves;



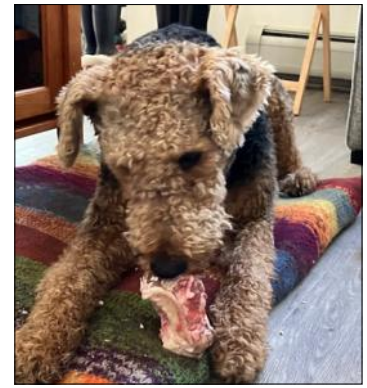
and playing with chew toys;



and attacking decay-
ing logs harboring
mice inside;



and chewing bones;



and chasing away
intruders;



and sleeping;



and, of course, water;



and last, but definitely
not least, loving his
dad!





Rescue Airedales at Halloween



Archie Ehrat

Halloween, 2025! Who could resist dressing your Airedale up for this holiday? Certainly not us!

Here are the costumes that owners were happy to share.



Annie Kress



Charlie Wendelburg



Willow Staymates



Louie & Rachel Skirchak



Diesel Ostrowski



Winnie & Bea Johnson



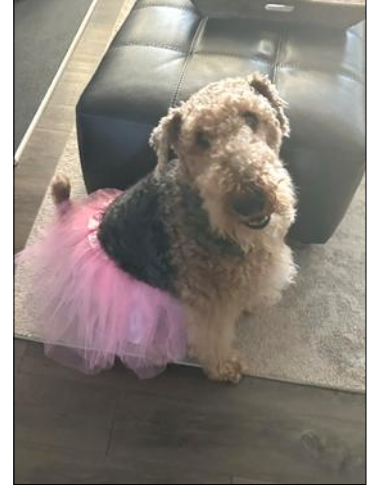
Rubi Wilson-Durham



Rescue Airedales at Halloween



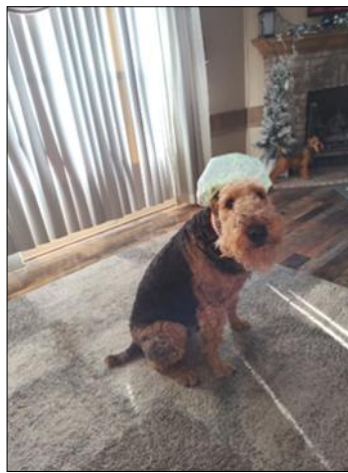
Tucker & Zoe Wells



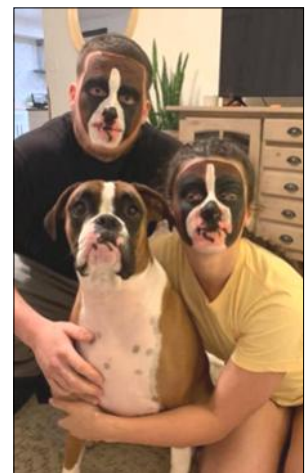
Carly Fenkel



Fancy Krause



Vickee Pfeifer



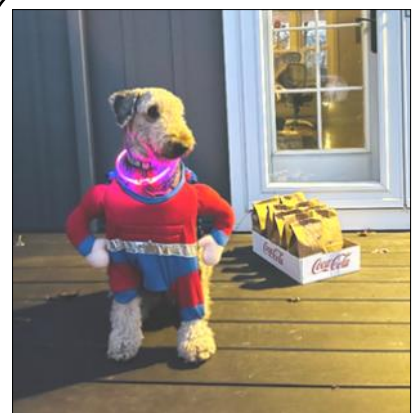
Just a hilarious boxer family!



Piper Woods



Sunny as Cher



Beanie Hahn-Dutton

DARK WINTER WALKIES

By John Wendelburg

Raise your hand if your Airedale does not accept daylight savings time and still expects that evening walk after supper.

Here are a few things I have done over the years, and I would love to hear other methods of getting the walk done so that everyone enjoys a safe evening stroll and beds down comfortably after a bit of exercise.

For county dogs (which includes me): we go up a nearby forest trail. A decent flashlight is a must. I think my Charlie would charge into the dark anyways-but I myself like to see what we are getting into. I have seen people use the hat mounted light to keep hands free-but it is not as much light as a hand light. Sturdy boots are definitely a thing where we go: rocks, felled trees and other obstacles can hide below the fallen leaves. Shorter steps are good to avoid tripping. Going on the same route at night is a good idea, best to explore new trails in the daylight. I am in a real forest, and have seen bear, bobcat and other predators-oh my. At least the snakes are all bedded down for the winter. The local experts recommend a bell on the dog or the human; not so they can identify our remains in the bear scat! It is to produce a little sound - these predators are not looking to take on a human and faithful companion, but a little sound will drive them off the trail before you get to them. Most encounters are based on coming around a corner unexpectedly for both parties. Talking gently to the dog creates similar noise-and I tend to do this anyway (no judging please, she never talks back that I have heard yet). If you ever really see a bear, that is a whole other set of instructions - but in general, avoid it!

Other practical hints are that yes you should clean up after the dog in the woods; the NYSDEC has a lot of good details on not wanting all the by-products of dogfood flushed into the soil, the water and all the beautiful things that look and smell so good in the forest. Preserve it for future generations.

For City Dogs, light is also a must. Find a well-lit park, if there are streetlights out, figure out who to notify to get them fixed. If you are near a street,

one of those lights on the collar is a good idea. Cars and sometimes night cyclists need a little help seeing your friend who is not as tall as you. I have noticed the wildlife in the city can include rats, racoons and other animals that you just do not want to get into it with - you are taller and can see them and avoid them with good light. Unfortunately, in a real city (I am a few hours from NYC) it is also a place to be wary of your surroundings. Similar to the Country life, know your trail.

For any walk, I have learned dogs love routine and to be engaged. I have seen people stop and practice a sit at each street corner. Or teach them to look up (in the tree) if you say squirrel or down if you say cat. Or use foreign languages for commands (sit in French is asseyez-vous) just to engage the human a little bit too. Goal is for everybody to wind down a little and earn a good night's sleep. Soon the time will turn back, in the interim be well and cheers.

A last note: the rescue can always use a little writing blurb to put in the newsletter. If you have a story, some hints, or just something you want to share about your Airedale experience, write it up and send it in: the community will appreciate it.



Dear Readers,

If your street address, e-mail address, or phone number has changed, please update them by contacting Deb at 609-313-4765 or by email at Deb.Ciancarelli@gmail.com. We'd also enjoy hearing how your dog is doing. Thank you.



Heart Strings



STEVE JANSEN – “Honorary Airedale”

I've been fortunate to have had five Airedales in my life, the first two (Max & Zack) from puppies and the last three (Churchill, Murphy & Stewart) adopted from ARADV. I don't have to tell you how wonderful they were, you know. After Stewart passed I was looking to adopt again but no suitable Airedales were available and a friend suggested I check out Welsh Terriers. First one I saw who needed a home was 9 year old Steve. He came to live with me and although confused at first, he soon took over. He had his issues but he was a terrier through and through; stubborn, funny, adventurous and loyal. We managed to work out our differences and settled into a wonderful routine. At age 11 his health issues became more serious and eventually we found he had inoperable cancer. This picture was taken the day after his diagnosis and the day before he died. Steve was only 22 pounds but it was like having a miniature Airedale in the house. I appreciate ARADV making him an “Honorary Airedale.” I don't intend any disrespect to Welsh Terriers however I believe as an agent for Terriers World Wide, Steve could carry two passports.



In Loving Memory

Steve Jansen

DOG LICENSE REMINDER

Properly licensing your dog is a part of every Rescue Agreement, and every adopter has promised to keep their licenses current.

In **Pennsylvania**, licensing is done annually by county. Licenses can be purchased at the county treasurer's office, and various other locations, and mail-in renewal is offered. A lifetime license is available for \$51.50 (\$31.50 if dog has been spayed or neutered). Fines for non-compliance are \$300.

In **New Jersey**, annual licenses are available from the licensing clerk of the local municipality, with proof of Rabies vaccination. The maximum fee allowed is \$21.

In **Delaware**, dog licenses are managed by the state (a change in 2016.) Licenses are available for one, two or three years at a time, with proof of Rabies vaccination. Apply online at www.petdata.com/Delaware, by phone at 877-730-6347, or at 9 locations throughout the state. Rates are \$10 per year for sterilized dogs, and \$15 for intact dogs. Fines of \$50 and up for non-compliance.



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Through the efforts of the company's dog-loving representative, Carole Slade, Freshpet has continued to regularly donate their nutritious products to us, which has immensely helped our Rescued Airedales regain their weight, health and strength.

Freshpet has grown tremendously over the years, expanding their variety of pet food offerings. Their products are found at many local supermarket chains such as Giant and Wegmans, as well as pet supply and specialty shops. In 2020, the Bethlehem Freshpet Kitchen doubled its production capacity with the grand opening of a newly constructed facility.

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

"The dog was created especially
for children. He is the God of frolic."

Henry Ward Beecher





Airedales in History



JOHN STEINBECK, Author

Born in California in February 1902, John grew up in the town of Salinas. His father was treasurer of Monterey County and mom Olive was a former teacher whose passion for reading and writing were passed to her son at an early age. He spent his childhood in the farm fields and ranches on the edge of the California frontier and worked along migrant workers in the vegetable fields. This helped shape his views on the harsh lifestyles of migrant life and darker side of human nature that he would later write about in such works as *Of Mice and Men*, *Grapes of Wrath* and *Cannery Row*.

After graduating Stanford in 1925, he went to New York City to try to establish himself as a writer. He returned unsuccessful to California in 1928 where he worked as a tour guide at Lake Tahoe. Already a great outdoorsman and animal lover, especially dogs, he was accompanied here with his two Airedales, Omar and Jerry. It was also here he met his wife Carol. After marriage, the depression made living rough and they were forced to move to Pacific Grove on the Monterey Peninsula into a house his dad owned.

Times were tough and they lived almost subsistence lifestyle, however they had a new Airedale named Tilly. When she blessed them with a litter of pups he wrote to friends "as sinful a crew as ever ruined rugs ... at present they are out eating each other ... they are eating the fence now. The appetite of a puppy ranks with the Grand Canyon for pure stupendousness Tilly who had the most poignant capacity for interest and enjoyment in the world." Unfortunately, just months later Tilly came down with distemper. The vet said he could save her life for 25 dollars, something the Steinbecks did not have. He later wrote "if people taking turns holding her head for two weeks could have saved her, she would have lived." John and Carol were devastated upon her death.

It was a few years later when his career finally took off. He wrote 27 novels and many short stories, including his famous book, *Travels with Charley*, a travelogue of his 1960 road trip with his Standard Poodle Charley. In 1962 he was awarded the Nobel Prize for literature and passed away at the age of 66 in 1968.

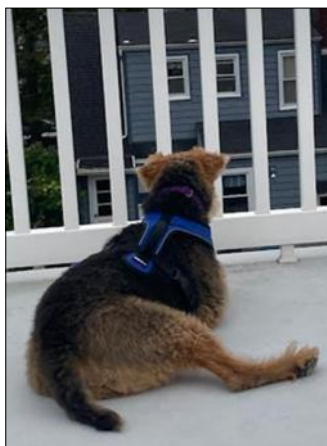
(Excerpted from *Airedales in History*, by Lisa Berglin and Margie Sinex, the Airedale Historians of the ATCA)



Let's Talk Airedale!



**Shea & Lily O'Brien
in a game of tug**



**Abbie Werkheiser on
neighborhood watch**



**Luca Iorio and his mom
Suzanne**



Let's Talk Airedale!



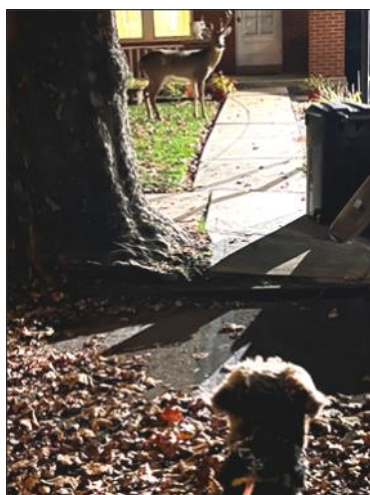
Finn Chmoures



Sunny Hart-Share, after a good chase with a woodchuck!



Newly adopted Sunbeam Alper with her bone



Mika Zimmerman-Regel vs. deer



Sunbeam with foster host Madelynne



Ginger Weisel in the garden



Ivy O'Connell – The Queen of Portland, Maine



Gifford Ziemer enjoying the country life



Royce O'Brien looking very innocent



Let's Talk Airedale!



Riggins Biddle – yum yum!



**Duke Fowler and his new friend
at the marina, Winston**



**Rudy LaSalle
& his dad, Bob**



Gracie Montross loving her mama



Duke & David Fowler take to the skies



**Sophie McKenzie
loves her yogurt!**



**Finnegan Dixon,
freshly poofed**



**Winnie Scarborough celebrating
her 9th birthday at the lake cabin**



Happy Zelda Cicerello



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