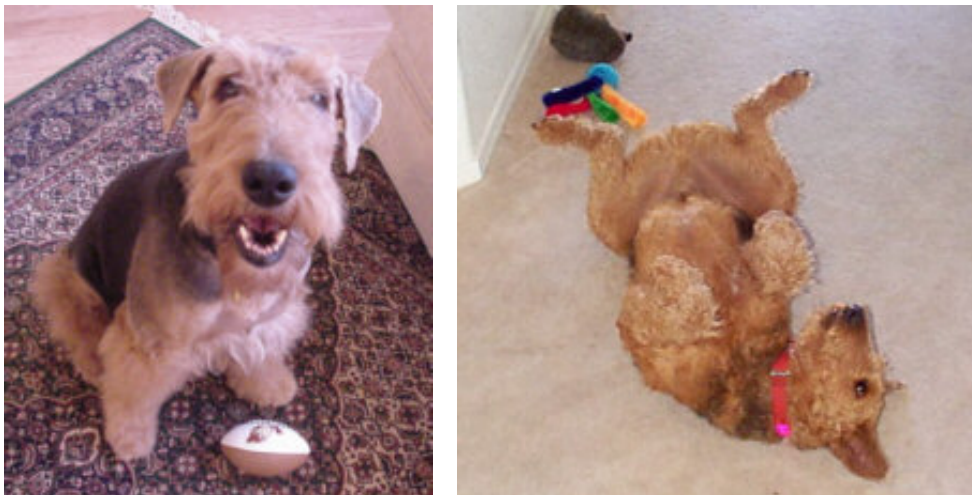


## Out-of-Region Placement Policy

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The first choice for all rescuers is to place our Airedales within our regional area so we can provide adequate follow up for the placement. On occasion one region may have more Airedales in their program than they can place or a home for a "special" Airedale may be found in a neighboring region. However, when a rescuer places beyond their borders it is important to work through the coordinator and/or recognized Airedale rescue volunteer in the area of the prospective home. This communication involves several suggested steps.



Region A represents the region which has the dog to place and Region B represents the distant placement location.

1. When you get an inquiry from outside your region it is good general policy to ask the inquirer to contact the regional volunteer in their area. You can explain that the potential adopter will be working closely with the local volunteer if they adopt. You can also add that there may be Airedales in their area that are available for adoption. Then follow up this initial contact with a note to the Region B volunteer to let her know you were contacted and any specifics of the conversation.
2. If the inquirer follows up by completing an application, then volunteers from Regions A and B should discuss the application and determine if it looks solid enough to warrant a home visit.

3. The Region B coordinator will be responsible for arranging the home visit and reporting the results back to Region A volunteers. If the home is approved, volunteers from regions A and B can discuss whether or not there is an Airedale in Region B that would be suitable or if, in fact, the Airedale from the more distant Region A is the best match.
4. Upon a satisfactory home visit and mutual agreement among volunteers in the regions involved, the more distant Airedale may be placed. Ideally at this point volunteers from each region will discuss the possibility of the placement not working and how that situation would be handled both tactically and financially (any vet bills).
5. Any Airedale sent to a distant placement must be well-groomed, have received essential vet care and have been evaluated in terms of temperament and suitability for placement in the distance home.
6. The volunteer in Region B will agree to meet with the adopter at the time the Airedale arrives, will complete any necessary paperwork and take the donation check.
7. The Region B volunteer will hold the donation check for 3 weeks then forward the check to Region A volunteers if the placement seems to be working.
8. If problems arise in the placement within the 3 week time frame the Region B volunteer returns the check to the adopter and makes arrangements to remove the dog.
9. Volunteers from Region A and B will discuss how to proceed with the dog and how expenses are to be handled.



While these procedures may vary somewhat depending on the situation, the important point is to respect the role of volunteers in other regions. If you receive either a serious inquiry or application from a person outside of your region please forward the application /inquiry and follow up by contacting the appropriate regional volunteer. Keep lines of communication open. Travel is stressful for all involved (dog and man) and should only be undertaken when it seems in the best interest of a particular Airedale.

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### **COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

The policy regarding long distance placements was written and approved by the ATCA Rescue and Adoption Committee due to the fact that we are getting more and more Airedales showing up in parts of the country where there are very few volunteers. We do realize that every rescue volunteer has a personal life and we are all caught up in a busy world, but in making decisions necessary to get dogs to a new and better place as expediently as possible, we need to remember that we are all in this

together.

At the Montgomery meeting, we had a lengthy discussion about out-of-region placements and it became apparent that, although most volunteers and groups work well together using common sense and courtesy, we needed a written policy in place to eliminate our stepping on each others toes. We all have the same goal, but there are logical and thoughtful steps that need to be taken to enable us all to reach it.

The Committee continues to be contacted by volunteers around the country with questions about what is proper procedure. These guidelines are to make sure that everyone is moving in the same direction. Of course, there will occasions when some part of the guidelines cannot be followed, but the volunteer should be able to explain why the exception was made.