

Airedale 911

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Rolling for Rescue

by Tim Sheffer

It is hard to believe the ride is over. The bikes are back in the garage, the gear is all put away, we are back at work, and most importantly, there is nearly \$4,000 raised for Airedale Rescue. That's about \$10 per mile! What is not hard to believe is how much support there was from the Airedale community in making this a success for Airedale Rescue.

It all started back in February, with an idea from Christine to ride our bicycles on the Erie Canal Ride and use it as a fundraiser for National Airedale Rescue. When the idea was first conceived, it seemed so far in the future, and we had no idea how much interest would be generated in our ride, and how much money the Airedale community would donate to this worthy cause.

February dragged on, March arrived, and we were finally able to ride outside to begin our training. Through April, May and June, we did short rides nearly every evening, and longer and longer rides on the weekends. Our training trials and tribulations were chronicled on the web site; "<http://www.alldogssite.com/rollingforescue06journal1.html>" developed and maintained by Andrea Denninger, and amazingly the donations and pledges started coming in! The yard work was neglected, friends and family thought we were crazy, and the Trio of Trouble headed for their crates when they saw us putting on our riding clothes. Christine kept saying that the rides were all up hill and into the wind. I kept telling here that on the return ride the wind would be at our back. (It never seemed to be.)

Finally the time was at hand; I drove our car to Albany and rode the train back to Rochester. Bright and early the next morning, our dog sitter arrived to take care of the Trio of Trouble, our ride picked us up and we were off to Buffalo to begin.



We set up our tent and were quickly greeted by the Marinos and their Rescue 'Dale Augie along with Denise Lucas and our Mascot for the Trip — Rescue Ralph. After what seemed a very short night we were finally off and riding! The first day weather was perfect; we made it to Medina, with no issues, got our tent set up again, and had another too short night.

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Day 2 started cloudy and rainy, with the only incident a broken spoke on my bicycle. We made it to Nazareth College and got our tent set up, before the torrential downpour and thunderstorm. I then proceeded to kill my cell phone, but thanks to Liz Mattison we were able to go get a new one, so we could continue to send pictures. We then met Kathi and Kevin Forrest along with their 2 ADT's Nellie and Simon.



Day 3 was another beautiful but hot day. We had made it almost all the way to Seneca Falls, when Christine had a run in with a rail road track and fell and broke her helmet; fortunately there were no injuries. She was able to get a new one, and so ended day 3... I wish I could say day 4 was another beautiful day, but I can't. We awoke to a light rain, which quickly turned into a steady hard rain, which continued for the entire day, resulting in the all time single day rainfall record for Syracuse.



Christine is having serious thoughts of putting all their stuff in here and pulling it the rest of the way . . . maybe there's an old mule left over from the Erie Canal days that she could use.



When we arrived at the campsite, we gathered our gear, called a local hotel, and spent the night getting warm and dry. Due to the rain and flooding, Gil and Marie Korta and their Rescue ADT Rosie were unable to get out and meet us for dinner.

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The final day was both sad and happy; sad to leave behind the many friends that we had made; glad to be going home and take a long shower, sleep in our own bed, and see the Trio of Trouble... It was an interesting experience, not something most people would call a vacation. What made it worthwhile, was that it was supporting Airedale Rescue. There were times when the miles went by quickly, and also times when they didn't, and we would remember why we were doing this, and what it would mean to the Airedales that find their way into rescue.

We would like to thank all those that donated to Rolling for Rescue, as well as all those that came out (or attempted to come out) and see us along the way.



Luckily, Christine was able to wash & dry their wet clothes... and rest her head

When they arrived at their destination for the night, they discovered that their campground accommodations were MUD... on a hill in the clouds... with thunderstorm warnings 'til midnight. So, being the resourceful guy that he is, Tim called a local Sheraton. Many of the 500 participants in this bike tour are also in various motels throughout the area.

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“We give dogs time we can spare, space we can spare and love we can spare. And in return, dogs give us their all. It's the best deal man has ever made.” -M. Acklam

Your loose change can make a big difference...

Everyone I know has a jar or two (or more) of pennies and small coins stashed away in their homes. This “forgotten” cash can be used to support rescue. Decorate a jar and label it accordingly! Most large supermarkets have coin counting machines. They take a cut of your money, but it is quick and easy. Some banks still will count coins for free or the coins can be counted and put in paper wrappers. A check in that amount can be mailed to rescue. Not too long ago I dumped a big jar of change into a Coin machine and had nearly \$30!

Ellana Livermore – TX

PUTTING USED HOTEL LINENS TO GOOD USE!!

Northwest Airedale Terrier Rescue has been busy distributing towels and linens to various organizations that have supported Airedale rescue efforts in the region. InnVentures, Inc., a hotel development and management company based in the Seattle area, and a franchisee of various Marriott and Hilton hotel properties, has requested each of their 13 hotels in the Northwest to consider donating hotel towels and linens to Airedale rescue who, in turn, deliver them to humane societies, spay and neuter clinics, groomers and kennels in the area. The Marriott Residence Inn at Portland RiverPlace and the Marriott Residence Inn at South Lake Union in Seattle, along with the Marriott TownePlace Suites-Seattle SouthCenter, to mention a few, have been wonderful in participating in this effort.

2 Connie Turner — OR



Good [and Bad] Stuff to Know

What Happens when an Animal Eats the Popular 'Gorilla Glue'

KOMO 4 NEWS: OAK HARBOR - A very new and popular glue does more than just stick -- it grows when it comes in contact with liquid. So imagine what would happen if it was swallowed. An Oak Harbor pet owner found out first hand, and her dog is lucky to be alive. ...On Thursday, Julie Kosmas got to pet her dog Emma Jo for the first time in three days. The black lab is still recovering in an Oak Harbor animal hospital. She had to undergo surgery after a near-death encounter with a popular glue called "Gorilla Glue." "When we saw the X-ray it was mind blowing that a dog's stomach could be that big," said Kosmas... Emma Jo has a knack for knocking things off a counter. That's how she got the Gorilla Glue and swallowed some. Kosmas knew her dog was in danger. The bottle says to keep away from children and animals. The instructions say get immediate medical attention if swallowed. What it doesn't say is what would happen.

"This is the abdomen," said Veterinarian, Doris Campbell pointing to an X-ray. "This entire roundish blob is her stomach filled with Gorilla Glue." A couple tablespoons of Gorilla Glue grew to the size of a basketball. "This stuff, when it hit the stomach, expands, blocks the stomach, and will require surgery to fix the animal," said Dr. Campbell. The veterinarian took out three pounds of hard brown foam from Emma Jo's stomach.

The company does list an emergency phone number on the bottle in case a person or animal swallows the glue. That's how Dr. Campbell discovered what happens when Gorilla Glue is ingested. Still, Emma Jo lost 12 pounds, spent nearly a week in the animal hospital and by the time it's all over, the vet bill will be in the thousands. It gives new meaning to claim on every bottle of Gorilla Glue... "The toughest glue on the planet Earth."

"This is the new parvo," an expert says of the canine influenza outbreak now confirmed in 22 states.

Cynda Crawford, DVM, PhD, an expert in canine influenza from the University of Florida, reports that this airborne virus is more widespread than once thought. Preliminary data show a 16 percent infection rate and a 7-percent mortality rate, which Crawford believes is likely low based on the small sample. "Influenza is actually more contagious than parvovirus," Crawford explains, "because it can be transmitted through the air, and dogs were just as naive of this virus as they were to parvo when it came to the U.S. in 1978. Officials are battling canine influenza brush fires throughout the United States. The first reported cases of canine influenza were in racing Greyhounds. Officials theorize this influenza jumped from the horse to the

canine. Influenza-infected dogs, present with:

- a.. Sneezing, coughing and fever
- b.. Nasal discharge
- c.. Labored breathing.

Of those infected, 20 percent show no signs of disease, according to the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine. Of the 80 percent that exhibit signs, two forms have been observed:

- a.. Mild infection - Symptoms include a low-grade fever, nasal discharge, and a persistent cough that could last up to three weeks.
- b.. Severe infection - Symptoms include a high fever, increased respiratory rates with difficulty breathing, and other indications of pneumonia. The secondary pneumonia is where the real danger lies. "The problem with this virus is that it is constantly mutating, and a new vaccine will have to be created annually to prevent outbreaks," she says.

Influenza Facts: Of the states testing positive for canine influenza out of 100-plus submitted samples:

- a.. 21 percent positive in Florida
- b.. 21 percent positive in New York
- c.. 27 percent positive in Connecticut
- d.. 56 percent positive in Colorado
- e.. 43 percent positive in Wyoming

-Source: Dr. Cynda Crawford, University of Florida

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PRESIDENT HARDING AND HIS AIREDALE

Four sculptors are making life size statues of each of the presidents to place on a different corner of Rapid City. (Rapid City is not far from Mount Rushmore, so they are playing up the "presidents" theme) This month's [September, 2006] president is Harding and the artist decided to have him pose with his Airedale!

I had a chance to go by the foundry as they were casting this July and they have done a great job considering they were working from an old photograph. I got a kick out of it and I hope the organizer will send me pictures once he is actually on the street corner.

Tom Lawrence, editor
The Rapid City Weekly News

www.airedaleterriers.org/harding/



The Names of the Rescued

These are the 643 recorded Airedales who have come into rescue between 7/31/05 and 8/1/06

Each year, for various reasons, hundreds of Airedales from all over the country find themselves in need of new homes. Sometimes they are lost or abandoned, but most often these dogs are unwanted simply because they have become an inconvenience for their owners. It might be because of a new baby, a move, a divorce, a re-marriage, a new job, illness, death, allergies, or - believe it or not - even because of redecorating. In most cases, but not all, these dogs were not loved enough in their former homes. These dogs whose names you see here are now cherished — for which some have waited nearly a lifetime.

The ATCA Rescue and Adoption Committee recognizes and supports local rescue efforts and maintains a list of active volunteers who can be contacted when an Airedale needs help or when someone wants to adopt one of these great dogs.

Abbey	Beau	Chase	Dutchess	Jack	Lucy	Monty	RedVelvet
Abby	Beauregard	Chelsea	Earl	Jack	Lucy	Moose	Reece
Abby	Beemer	Chester	Ella	Jack	Lulu	Moselle	Reese
Abby	Bella	Cheyenne	Ellie Mae	Jack	MacKenzie	Mozart	Reese
Abigal	Bella	Chip	Elliot	Jack	Maddy	Mr.Belva-	Reese
Abigal	Belle	Chloe	Elliot	Jade	Madigan	dere	Reggie
Agatha	Belle	Chrissy	Emma	Jake	Madison	Mudge	Reggie
Aggie-	Belle	Cider	Ernie	Jake	Maggie	Muffy	Rex
Rose	Benny	Claire	Everest	Jake	Maggie	Mugz	Rickey
Airel	Bentley	Clarkston	Flame	Jake	Maggie	Murphy	Riley
Alex	Bentley	Cocada	fojo	Janet	Maggie	Nalla	Ring
Alexander	Bert	Coco	Fozzie	Janna	Maggie	Nalu	Ripley
Alfie	Beth	Cody	Fred	Jasper	Maggie	Nalu	Ripley
Ali	Betsy	Connor	Freddie	Jaynes	Maggie	Name	Rocky
Allegra	Betty	Cookie	Fuzzy	Jazzy	Maggie	Nancy	Rocky
Allie	Betty	Cooper	Fuzzy	JDOT	MaggieMae	Nancy-	Roise
Allora	Bill	Cooper	Gabby	Jenna	Maggie Mai	Fosh	Mexico
Amos	Binky	Cory	Gage	Jennings	Maggie	Natasha	Roise
Amos	Black Jack	Coty	Gandy	Jesebelle	Rose	Nestle	Romeo
Amy	Bluegrass	Countess	Gaston	Jesse	Maggie2	Nick	Rose
Andie	Bo	Cruise	George	Jessie	Man	Nigel	Rosie
Andrew	Bo	Curly Sue	Ginger	Jessie	Mandy	Nina	Rosie
Andy	Bo	Curt	Ginger	Jet	Marcie	Nova	Rowdy
Andy	Bogie	Dahla	Ginny	Jetson	Marley	Odie	Roxanne
Angel	Bones	DaiseyMae	Grace	Jezebel	Marvin	Odie	Roxy
Angel	Boone	Daisy	Gracie	Jimmy	Mary Sue	Odin	Roxy
Angel	Boone	Daisy	Gracie	Jocko	Mason	Oliver	Ruby
Angus	Bosco	Daisy	Gracie	John	Mattie	Oliver	Ruby Ann
Angus	Brandy	Daisy	Gracie	Jordan	Matty	Oliver	Ruddy
Annabelle	Brandy	Daisy	(Greta)	Josie	Max	Oscar	Rudy
Annie	Braxton	Daisy	Gracie	Junior	Max	Oscar	Rue
Annie	Breena	Daisy	Grady	Kasha	Max	Oscar	Ruffy
Annie	Breeze	Daisy	Green	Kassia	Max	Otto	Rufus
Annie	Briar	Daisy	Guinness	Kate	Max	Owen	Rupert
Annie (5)	Bridget	Daisy	Gus	Kate	Max	Patrick	Rusty
Annie (8)	Bridget	Daisy	Gus	Kelly	Max	Paulie	Rusty
Annie	Bridgette	Mae	Gus	Kelly	Max	Payton	Rusty
Annie Bee	Britta	Dakota	Gus	Kelso	Max	Peaches	Ryan
Apollo	Brittany	Dancer	Hagrid	Ken	Max	Peggy	Rylie
April	Bubba	Danny	(Roy)	Kerry	Maxine	Sue	Sackett
Archie	Buddy	Daphne	Halley	Kevin	Maxine	Pepper	Sadie
Ariel	Buddy	Darby	Hana	Kinzie	Maxwell	Pepper	Sadie
Arielle	Buddy	Darcee	Hank	Katie	Maxwell	Pepper	Sadie
Arlene	Budweiser	Darla	Hannah	Kodi	McDuff	Pepsi	Sadie
Arliss	Buster	Dave	Hannah	Koga	McGraw	Peyton	Sadie
Arlo	Buttons	Davied	Hannah	Lady	McGuyver	Phoebe	Sallie
Arnie	Calista	De De	Harley	Ladyaire	Meg	Phoebe	Sally
Arthur	Candy	Delilah	Harmon	Laura	Megan	Piper	Sally
Augie	Capt. Casey	Dell	Harry	Lego	Meghan	Piper	Sam
Avra	Caramel	Dex	Havoc	Leo	Mickey	Piper	Sam
Bailey	Carib	Dexter	Heart	Lewis	Mickey	Pippi	Sam
Bailey	Carl	Dexter	Heidi	Lilly	Mike	Pixie	Sam
Bangle	Carley	Dillon	Henry	Lilly	Mikey I	Pokey Lady	Samantha
Barkley	Carson	Dingo	Henry	Lilly	Mikey I	Preston	Sammi
Barney	Casey	Ditto	Herbie	Lily	Mikey II	Princess	Sammie
Baron	Catherine	Dixie	Holly	Lincoln	Mikhail	Provy	Sammy
Bart	Champ	Dixie	HollyBear	Lincoln	Milford	puppy	Samson
Basta	Chance	Dixie	Homer	Lio	Miller	puppy	Samson
Bauer	Charley	Belle	Honey	Lizzy	Millie	puppy	Sandy
Bauer	Charlie	Dog	Hootie	Lobo	Millie	puppy	Sandy
Baxter	Charlie	D'og	Howard	London	Mischief	Rachael	Sandy
Baxter	Charlie	Drake	Hugo	Lonesome	Missy	Rags	Sandy
Baxter	Charlie	Duchess	Indy	Lora	Misty	Raine	Beaches
Baylor	Charlie	Duffy	Ira	Lottie	Ranger	Ranger	Sasha
Bea	Charlie B	Duke	Ivan	Louis	Molly	Ranger	Sassy
Bear	Charlie2	Dupree	Ivy	Lucky	Molly	Rascal	Sawyer
Bear	Charlotte	Dusty	Izzy	Lucy	Monkey-	Red	Red
Bear		Dutchess		Lucy	man	Red	Scoop

For Your Information

CANINE SKIN PROBLEMS & DISEASES

We recommend that you take your dog to your own Veterinarian for a proper qualified diagnosis and the appropriate subscribed treatment. This information for your reference only.

BACTERIAL SKIN INFECTIONS (PYODERMAS)

Causes – Staphylococci ('Staph bacteria') are the most common organisms found in bacterial skin diseases (pyoderma's) in dogs. Fortunately, these bacteria (*S. intermedius*) are not contagious to humans or other pets.

Signs – Commonly itchy, yellow pustules are often observed early in the disease, and the dog's skin can be reddened and ulcerated. Dry, crusted areas appear as the condition advances, along with loss of hair in the affected areas (lesions) and an odour... All areas of a dog's body may be involved, but most cases are confined to the trunk. The chin is one area commonly affected. Called chin acne, this condition is actually a deep bacterial infection. Obese dogs and dogs of the pug-nosed breeds are frequently affected by pyoderma in the skin folds on their face, lips and vulva... Other areas where pyoderma may occur include between the toes and on the calluses of the elbows that mostly affects the abdominal area in young puppies.

Diagnosis – This is usually made from the case history and appearance and location of the lesions. In some cases, it may be necessary to culture the skin (grow the bacteria) and conduct sensitivity tests to determine which antibiotic will be effective in treatment. Most bacterial skin infections in dogs are secondary to another disease such as parasitism, allergies, endocrine (hormonal) disorders or abnormalities in the immune system. Therefore, in recurrent cases, it is important to search for underlying causes. It may be necessary to do blood tests, allergy tests or skin biopsies to achieve a complete diagnosis.

Treatment – Initial treatments may entail removal of the hair in and around the lesions, washing of the whole dog with antibiotic shampoos such as benzoyl peroxide, careful drying and the application of an antibiotic ointment to local lesions, in most cases, antibiotics will also be administered orally for 3–4 weeks. Bandages or a protective collar which prevents the dog from mutilating the lesions may be applied... Some pyoderma involving skin folds can require corrective surgery. In recurrent cases where testing reveals no definable underlying cause, special staphylococcal vaccines as an alternative to long-term antibiotic treatment can be tried... It may be necessary to continue treatments such as antiseptic shampooing, antibiotic ointment applications and giving antibiotics orally at home. While most cases respond to treatment, recurrences of pyoderma are common, particularly if treatment recommendations and follow-up visits to your veterinarian are neglected. Glucocorticoid steroids cannot be administered.

FUNGAL SKIN INFECTIONS (RINGWORM)

Cause – The fungal skin infections of dogs are caused primarily by two species of fungi: *Microsporum* and *Trichophyton*. The skin diseases resulting from these fungi are commonly called 'ringworm.'

Signs – Ringworm is seen most commonly in young dogs. The fungi live in dead skin tissues, hairs and nails. Hair loss, usually in circular patches, may appear. If infected, the center of the patches may have a dry, crusty appearance. The head and legs are most commonly affected by ringworm, although the disease may spread over other parts of the dog's body if not treated. Dogs may scratch the lesions.

Diagnosis – The appearance of the lesions, the history of their development and the age of the dog are all helpful in diagnosing ringworm. A Wood's Lamp Test (ultraviolet light) can be used to help diagnose the *Microsporum* species only. A definite diagnosis can be obtained through a fungal culture -- grow the fungi found on the affected hairs.

Treatment – The hair around the lesions is clipped, and special fungicidal shampoos or rinses are used for bathing the dog. Topical lime sulfur and mandatory systemics should be administered.

Public Health Aspects of Ringworm – Ringworm is contagious to humans, particularly to children and to other household pets. Infected dogs should be kept away from children and other dogs and cats until the infection is cured -- which can be as long as 2–3 months or more after the treatment begins. Adults should be careful to wash their hands thoroughly after handling an infected dog. If treated early, ringworm is readily controlled in humans. Other household pets should also be examined for ringworm.

ALLERGIC SKIN DISEASES

Allergies in dogs are common. Signs such as itchy skin, nasal and eye discharges and sneezing, and/or digestive upsets and/or skin lesions may indicate an allergy is present. Many skin diseases seen in dogs are caused by an allergy.

Causes – An allergy is a hypersensitivity reaction to allergy-causing substances known as 'allergens' or 'antigens.' Dogs (like people) can develop allergies at any age, and the signs can appear quite suddenly.

The most common allergy dogs develop is the flea saliva. The presence of a single flea on these allergic dogs causes intense itching. These allergies are seasonal in climate zones where fleas are eliminated by the cold in winter months -- and a year-round problem in warmer climates... Atopy (atopic dermatitis, allergic inhalant dermatitis) is a pruritic (itchy) skin disease dogs develop in response to inhaled particles such as house dust, molds and pollens. This common form of allergy usually starts at a relatively young age. Rarely, dogs can be allergic to chemicals contained in soaps, waxes, carpets and flea collars. This type of hypersensitivity is known as a 'contact allergy.' Also, some dogs are allergic to insect bites and stings. Food allergies usually cause diarrhea and/or skin lesions.

Signs – Itching is the primary sign of allergic skin diseases in dogs. The affected skin may appear normal, or red and moist in patches called 'hot spots.' Pus and dried crusts are apparent if a bacterial infection is also present. The dog tends to constantly scratch and lick affected areas. Initially, flea allergies are most evident over the dog's back and near the tail. A dog's face, feet, chest, and abdomen are more often affected by pollen and dust-type allergies. Contact allergies are seen mostly on the hairless areas of the abdomen and on the bottoms of the feet.

Diagnosis – The dog's case history helps with the diagnosis. The intense itching and location of the lesions are also helpful in diagnosing the type of allergy present. Response to treatment (flea control) is often used as a method of diagnosis of flea allergy. Trials of special hypoallergenic diets are used to diagnose food allergy. Allergy testing is used to help choose immunotherapy. Blood tests are also available to diagnose allergies, but their use is more controversial. Ask your veterinarian for his or her current recommendations.

Treatment – Allergies can be controlled in most cases, with few ‘cured.’ Antihistamines and corticosteroids may be used by your veterinarian to give your dog relief from the intense itching. In most cases this will stop the self-mutilation. The owner will be instructed to give corticosteroid tablets in decreasing dosages for a few months. Corticosteroids are potent drugs and should not be used carelessly or for long periods of time. The main objective in controlling flea allergies in dogs is to kill the fleas on the dog and in the dog’s environment... Another approach to allergy control is hyposensitization (immunotherapy). In this procedure, a correct diagnosis by intradermal or blood testing is necessary. The dog is then given injections of small but increasing doses of the allergy-causing substance at varying intervals for up to 12 months. Lifelong response may take up to 12 months.



PARASITIC SKIN DISEASES

Cause – Fleas are the most common parasitic skin disease found in dogs. Mange is another type of skin disease which is caused by mites. There are two severe types of mange: sarcoptic mange and demodectic mange.

– Ear mites, lice, and ticks are other parasites that affect dogs. Their presence irritates the dog, leading to self-mutilation.

Signs – Sarcoptic mange causes intense itching, loss of hair and crusting of the skin. A dog’s ears, front legs, chest and abdomen are most often affected by sarcoptic mange.

– Demodectic mange can cause itching. The skin is reddened and scaly, and hair loss occurs in round patches resembling ‘ring-worm.’ The face and front legs are most commonly affected, although some cases may be generalized. Generalized demodectic mange is often a sign of underlying internal disease or a hereditary problem.

– Ear mites cause severe irritation in the ears. Often, an affected dog will scratch the hair off the back of its ears. Ticks, lice and fleas may transmit other diseases, in addition to causing irritation.

Diagnosis – Mange is often suspected on the basis of the case history and the appearance and location of the lesions. A skin scraping test is always performed to aid in identifying parasites. Ear mites, which are barely visible to the naked eye, appear as small white objects. The black debris commonly seen in the ears of dogs with ear mites is a combination of dried blood, normal ear wax and discharges from inflammation. Lice, fleas and ticks can also be seen by close examination of the dog’s skin.

Treatment – Mange is treated by clipping the affected areas and washing them with an antiseptic. Antimite dips are often necessary and may be used weekly or biweekly for several months. Shampoos can be used before each dip. The dog’s eyes should be protected with mineral oil or eye ointment and the ears plugged with cotton before dipping. Most cases of mange respond well to this treatment. Antibiotics can be administered in cases of mange where infection may be present.

Ear mites can be readily treated. Initially, your veterinarian may recommend a thorough cleaning of the dog’s ears while the animal is sedated. This treatment can be followed up with home treatments using special solutions or ointments to kill the mites and prevent infections. In addition, insecticidal dips, sprays, powders or shampoos are often used.

Lice, ticks and fleas must be killed on the dog and in the dog’s environment with insecticides. Dips, shampoos, flea collars, sprays, powders, foams and foggers containing insecticides are available from your veterinarian to help control these parasites.

HORMONAL SKIN DISEASES

Skin diseases caused by hormonal abnormalities in dogs are difficult to diagnose. The thyroid gland, adrenal glands, pituitary gland, testicles and ovaries all produce hormones. If excessive (‘hyper’) or deficient (‘hypo’), these hormones produce changes in the skin and hair coat. Most hormonal problems that affect the skin produce hair loss that is evenly distributed on each side of the dog’s body. The skin may be thicker or thinner than normal, and there may be changes in the color of the skin or hair coat. These diseases usually are not itchy... When any of the hormone-producing glands malfunction, they affect other body functions besides the skin. Hormonal skin diseases in dogs can be much more serious than a ‘skin problem’... Some causes of hormonal skin disease, such as hypothyroidism and adrenal gland problems, can be diagnosed by special blood tests and effectively treated. Others may be more difficult to diagnose and treat. Skin changes related to the sex hormones can be successfully treated with surgical neutering, if this has not been performed previously.

FROM COLUMBIA ANIMAL HOSPITAL WEB SITE:

Skin medications for dogs include cephalixin, clindamycin, clotrimazole, enrofloxacin otic, gentamicin sulfate, nystatin neomycin sulfate, and thiabendazole.

TICK FEVER

Email TICK-L-REQUEST@APPLE.EASE.LSOFT.COM for instructions to join

There are many people on the list with lots of experience, including a vet with extensive experience because he treats lots and lots of rescued greyhounds, many of who have the various forms of tick fever.

Recommended websites: <http://web.archive.org/web/20030621124122/>
<http://www.srv.net/~cdm/Dale/ehrlichia.html>
[short link below]
<http://www.makeashorterlink.com/?E291342A7>
<http://users2.ev1.net/~vintage/tick.htm>

The bottom line, you have to treat a much higher doses of doxy for much longer than uninformed vets realize (5 mg per pound dog body weight, twice a day, for a minimum of eight weeks).

Many years ago, my female airedale at the time had ONE tick. It was an unusual tick and I saved it in a bottle for a year in the event she got sick. After a year I tossed out the tick and the next week she got sick with ehrlichia. Amazingly, it can take that long---unusual, but it can. She first presented with a stiff neck, she would lap up water and it would fall right out of her mouth. Immediately took her to the vet, and he knew right away what it was. Fortunately, we caught it in time. She was very sick for about 3 days with a high fever, the first antibiotic didn’t work within 48 hours and the vet immediately changed to another antibiotic. But it was years ago and I don’t remember now what the drugs were. Its a terrifying disease and really needs to be caught as early as possible. She was on antibiotics for about a month and then recovered and was fine. But it was one tick bite that did it. The only tick she ever had.

Bobbi Procyk - FL

The Story of Rosie, now called Olivia

Rosie, now Olivia, came into ATCMNY Airedale Rescue & Adoption from a horrible private "shelter" in NYC. Since they had a lot of very young dogs, we assume this place is a dumping ground for pet store puppies that don't get sold. Rosie was a bargain at \$150 because she had some health problems.

Rosie was in very poor condition, estimated to be between seven months and a year old. She weighed 35#, had no muscle mass and could barely stand, let alone walk; her ears were filled with blood and pus; she was flea-ridden, had girardia and was not housebroken. All she knew was to pee and poop in her crate and lay in it.

A local rescue adopter went to the shelter and adopted her for us— keeping her for 3 days until we could get her to her foster home. During those three days, Rosie had her initial vet visit, ate several small meals a day to acclimate her system to actually eating food, managed to learn to climb three stairs by the end of her stay, learned to play with toys, was almost housebroken, and had lots of love. They would love to have adopted her, but they already had one rambunctious adopted male Airedale and both adults were having some health issues at the time so taking on another young dog at this time in their life wasn't a viable option.

In her foster home, where she lived for almost two months, Rosie had a big brother Airedale, Hudson, and a terrier-mix sister, Lucy, who taught her the ropes. When I first delivered her to her foster home, Rosie could barely stand for more than a couple of minutes at a time. Her back legs crossed each other. She attempted to play with the other dogs, but after doing a little skip and hop, she stopped and sat. She wasn't quite sure how to play and her legs couldn't hold her up for too long. Then she'd come join Nicole, her new foster Mom, and me on the steps where she'd just watch and observe the other dogs running around. Then she'd make another foray off the stairs and try to join in, but quickly tired and came back to watch again. Within a few days, she wanted to go on the daily walks with Nicole, Hudson and Lucy - she did not want to be left behind! Soon she was able to manage a 30-minute walk. She was able to go to work with Nicole during the day or to doggie day care, with Hudson and Lucy, and there she had a great time playing with other dogs and eventually playing on the agility equipment!

Once she had put on some weight and it was deemed safe, Rosie was spayed and at that time her hips were x-rayed. It turns out, she was born without hip sockets. However, the vet said that the muscles she had built up during the weeks in foster care were acting as hip sockets and if she didn't become overweight, she could function very well without surgery. He said that doing agility was a good muscle builder and the short runs and stops were conducive to that. Somewhere down the road, she may eventually need hip surgery, but with the right exercise and diet and supplements, it could be many years — or never.

When she was ready, a home was found for her with Linda and Annie and their three rescue dogs — 12 1/2 yr. old Maggie, the Airedale, two yr old Russell, the Schnauzer, nine month old Oliver, the Basset Hound - plus Piggy, the huge cat, and three birds! When Nicole and I delivered her to her new home, she immediately went up to Annie and gave her a kiss, then to Linda when she came out. It was such a joy to see her running in the yard with the three other dogs having a great time exploring and playing. Inside the boys took her around to show her all sorts of toys, etc. and she seemed very relaxed and at home. When she meet Piggy, the cat, she immediately went into the play position wanting to entice him to run and play with her. He was too smart for that though and just sat and watched her play with Russell and there was poor Oliver doing a play bow saying "Hey guys, what about me?"

It felt right from the start and Olivia, as she is now called (one of the parrots was named Rosie and always getting into trouble so they didn't want Airedale Rosie to think they were yelling at her so they changed her name), has lived happily with her new family for over two months. Here is what her adoptive Moms have to say about her.

Olivia came running to us the very first day we met. Her foster Mom, Nicloe Lewy Drummond and Rescue coordinator, Candy Kramlich had a good feeling about us. For Annie and I it was love at first sight!

You would never know that Olivia has been born without hip sockets the way she tears around here with the rest of our gang. Maggie our Seniordale looks at us and wonders why it has taken us so long to finally get another Airedale! Maggie has gotten more exercise and is back to playing again. Maggie had quite a rough go in 2005; she had to lose her right eye to melanoma. She just seem depressed since then (who wouldn't be). Now she's acting like a puppy again. We love watching the both of them doing all the Airedale positions even in their sleep. Russell our Miniature Schnauzer, was the most reluctant with the new addition to the household. That lasted about 11/2 weeks tops.

We could not put Russell next to Olivia when we crated them while we were at work, because Russell was reverting back to old incontinence behaviors. We reasoned that he wasn't happy because Oliver wasn't next to him. So, we put our Ambassador between them, voila, happy campers! Oliver is our Basset Hound who adores Olivia as you can see in the photo. Our three rescues of 2005 and Maggie are one big happy family. When they are allowed to run around the fenced property loose, it is a sight to behold. Russell is always playing prey with Olivia running after him at break neck speed and Oliver behind them howling with his deep bellowing bark. Of course, you have Maggie telling them all what they can and can't do.

She has really come a long way in the 2 1/2 months Olivia has been with her "pack." Olivia just seems to be so content with all of us; she now gives us a very full wag of happiness. She even (cont'd on pg 9)



has a good time with Piggy our 23 lb. (forever on a diet) old cat. They will all run around together in the basement if the weather is bad outside. It's the most exercise our cat has seen in years! Feeding time at our "zoo" can be quite hysterical. While I'm prepping their food, Olivia will give me "love nips" on the butt! In other words, "hurry up, I'm hungry!"

You should have seen our Olivia at Christmas, parading around with a Santa hat perched on top of her head. She had it on for a good part of the day with no desire to take it off. Such was her love of that hat, she even went so far as to keep it on during nap time and going outside to play. She just seemed to be so proud of herself. We think she knows she has a real, forever family now. How do we know? Because she smiles a lot. Candy Kramlich.

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Yesterday I was contacted by Golden Rescue (a group that I work with to keep an eye out for Airedales in need) One of the rescue groups they work with in Arizona had a dog lost in the foothills of Tucson and they had been trying to catch her for almost a week.

I was able to point them to our website and the story of how Sidney caught Leslie there...

<http://www.Airedaleterriers.org/swat/aarf/lillymore2.html>
...and where she got the live trap. They got the live trap, they followed Sidney's lead (her experience as written in the article on the website) AND FIRST THING THIS MORNING THE GSP was in the live trap ~ SAFE!! There is a very grateful family down there today ~ and they now know all about Airedale Rescue.

Rusty La France (we LOVE networking!— NV

Reflections

by Lynn O'Shaughnessy

This has been a month of sadness and loss for ATRA and for myself. Colorado lost a great volunteer with John Carr. I lost my Katy at the age of 15. I would like to take a moment to reflect.

Many of us who knew John had the chance to write our thoughts and memories of John to share with him before he passed on. John was a passionate man about Airedales and helped to found Rocky Mountain Airedale Rescue of Colorado.

He fought uphill battles on behalf of Airedales and rescue in Colorado and for the most part won every one of them. He was the first one on the phone when a dog needed to be rescued and the last one to go to bed when the dog was safe. John learned to groom Airedales from Mary Gade and was a quick study. He transported, fostered,

did home visits and anything else that needed doing in addition to the duties as president of RMARC. These stories and more came out as I read the 22-page booklet that was printed and distributed at his memorial service a few weeks back.

I know there are many other wonderful volunteers in ATRA who are just as dedicated as John. I also know that there are volunteers in the wings who have maybe given a little of their time here and there as they could. Even so, many people who only wonder how we do all that we do but have not yet pitched in to help. These are the people I would like to challenge to help ATRA in whatever way you can. When your time comes to cross the Rainbow Bridge, how will you be remembered?

My dear, sweet Katy was 15 years old. She had a hard start to her life and spent the first five years having puppies and living in a barn with little human contact. When she came into rescue, she was in the latter stages of heartworm disease, had hookworms, fly bites, a very thin coat and not much meat on her bones. Her last litter of pups had all perished. That was ten years ago. Yes, despite her tough beginnings, Katy lived to be 15 years old and turned out to be a very loving girl who was very attached to me, the first person who showed her any kindness.

Recently, I have heard potential adopters say that they would not adopt a dog who had heartworm disease because it would shorten their lives. They would not adopt a dog who needed to be housebroken or shown how to love and trust humans. They would not adopt a dog who has emotional and/or medical baggage. I want to tell you that you are truly missing out. If Katy's life can show you one thing, let it be that these are the dogs you should consider adopting. Sure it takes a little work on your part to help them become a part of your family, but you will be rewarded many times over and then some. Food for thought...

No, not the Rimadyl warning you have heard so many times before. I happen to think that used properly it is a very useful drug for most dogs. However, it also tastes very good to dogs and therein lies the problem.

One of my adopters called to let me know that the Airedale I placed with her about a year ago had gotten into her old dog's Rimadyl and eaten over 40 tablets. It was approximately an hour from the time he ate the pills to the time the vet was able to remove the contents of his stomach. After three days on IV's, he is now home eating nothing but chicken & rice until his stomach ulcers heal. His blood work looks pretty good and we are hopeful that there will not be any permanent liver or kidney damage.

We all know to babyproof and puppyproof our homes, but while two-legged babies outgrow the need to be protected from putting everything they find in their mouths, four-legged ones never really do. Also, remember that plastic medicine bottles that foil all attempts by humans to open are no challenge for dog jaws -- keep them out of reach and locked away.

Wishing a Happy Thanksgiving to my U.S. friends, but remember... no turkey for the pups. What are the biggest triggers of pancreatitis attacks in dogs? Ham and bacon, followed closely by turkey.

<http://www.Airedaleterriers.org/articles/pancreatitis.html>

Sidney Hardie

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My name is Angel. You may have heard about me when I had all those puppies in January, and wondered what happened to me. Well, here's my story.

I didn't know it at the time, but the luckiest day of my life was the day a bunch of nice people from ATRA, Linda, Debbie, Denise and Bob, came to get me and my stablemates out of jail. It was a terrible place. We were outside all the time in pens, usually three to a pen. We had to fight each other for what food we could get. The water was a yucky green color most of the time. We didn't even have names; we were just barely surviving. The pens were nothing but dirt, and that's when they were dry!

One by one, they led all seven of us out of there and into their cars and told us what our names were. Gosh, we never had names before. We had no idea what was in store for us, but knew it had to be better. The first place they took us had people in white coats; I think they said it was a Vet, whatever that is.

Next thing I knew one of the ladies, Louise, said she would take me home. She said I was going to have puppies and she would take good care of me. I never saw my stablemates again, but I'm sure ATRA found them good homes. It was nice getting plenty of food to eat and clean water to drink and I didn't even have to fight for it anymore.

Well, sure enough, two weeks later I had that huge litter of 13 puppies. I don't remember too much about the puppies coming, but they said I had something called a C-section. Louise said I was a really good mother and I kept them clean and had enough milk to go around. I didn't have enough bottles though, so she had to help them take turns.

Then the day came when a bunch of people started coming in and taking my puppies, one, two and three at a time. After the puppies left, Denise and Bob said I was going to go home with them until they could find a really good home. I could see a tear in Louise's eye when we left and was sad myself.

They had two other Airedales named Tali and Vegas. I was scared because I thought I would have to start fighting for my food again and wasn't sure of this new place. When we went out in the back yard Tali and Vegas chased me, which scared me. After a while I learned that chasing each other was fun. I never imagined what fun was, but I sure like it now! Tali and I became best friends and I followed her everywhere.

Everything seemed perfect until the day they told me they had found a new forever home for me. They took me to this nice lady named Freddie who played with me and took me on walks and loved on me, but I just



wasn't happy. They didn't have any other dogs for me to play with. I let them know it by dropping little reminders all around the house. After a week, the nice lady told me it was too hard to keep cleaning up the messes because she was recovering from hip surgery.

To my joy and surprise Denise and Bob came back to take me home again. I was so happy I couldn't sit still. I kept jumping and jumping on both of them. Then, when we got there Tali and Vegas were waiting for me.

Surely this was the happiest day of my life, but the story is not quite finished. I heard them talking about what to do with me. They told me they were going to keep me forever and adopt me.

I finally have a first name and a last name too. I won't just be Angel 06-001-KY any more I'll just be Angel Seis. This really is the happiest day of my life! I have finally found my forever home and have my very own mom and dad.

From Angel Seis, with a little help from my Dad, Bob Seis

Howdy, my name is Captain Jack. I'm saying "howdy" because I live in Texas, now, but I was born in Mexico. Back then I used to say "Hola". I'm gonna tell you my story but you'd better pay attention because I'm getting sick of talking about it. My first family took me home when I was very young. Their grumpy old Welsh dog didn't appreciate my cuteness and used my leg for a pull toy. My vet says it caused nerve damage, whatever that is.

Well, my family discovers that I am hurt and decides to return me to my Breeder. The Breeder plans to "put me to sleep." I don't need any help going to sleep, so I don't understand why she thought I needed a prescription sleep aid. A young acquaintance of the Breeder named Adriana is smart enough to explain that I can fall asleep independently without any help, thank you very much, and offers to take me home with her.

Adriana does all she can for me in Mexico and makes the very important decision to transport me to the care of Airedale Rescue in Houston! Isn't that so cool? I got to ride on an airplane! Many amazing people contributed to my care including my first American mom, Ellana. Ellana's Kids, Bonnie and Rugby were my first friends in America. I would have gladly stayed there forever. Sometime during my stay there, a doctor took my leg off. Yep. Ellana was very upset for some reason but I knew that she was doing what was best for me. Honestly, it was there one day and then it wasn't. I just played with my friends Bonnie and Rugby like I always did. I think that Ellana was more upset than I was about the whole situation.

To make a long story shorter, I'd better skip to the part where I get a new family. One day I went on a great car ride. We drove a long way to a park. I'm sniffing around in the park and another car drives up. Out jumps a red dog. I learn that this is an Irish dog. I hope to myself that the Irish have better manners than the Welsh. I learn that this dog's name is Alice. I love her immediately. I kept trying to play with her but she kept watching the birds at the park. (It's really strange how much she likes birds.) Finally, she played with me a little. What fun. I later learned that Alice was in charge of all new additions to the Douglass family. She gave her "paw of approval" and a couple weeks later I went to my new home.

I've been living here for about 10 months now. My human family includes my parents, Ted and Jenny, and my kids, Jonah and Tess. My furry family includes two African sisters with an attitude (they think they are so special because they can't bark), my Irish bird-loving sister, a very nice sister who they say resembles a "wiener" (whatever that means), and a cat who is said to have too much sugar in her blood. She doesn't seem very sweet to me at all. She's rather snooty but fascinating. She lets me taste her food from time to time and it is good! She has a very special sand box with the best treats of all buried in it.



I'm leading a good life. I enjoy playing fetch, playing tug with Alice, and "borrowing" stuffed animals from my human sister Tess. My favorite pastime is counter-surfing. I get particularly good results in the middle of the week when my family is very busy. My Mom, Jenny was recently annoyed because I accidentally turned on the gas stove... three times. She has taken the knobs off of the oven and put them in the drawer. So what if the housesitter called the fire department in the middle of the night because I turned the gas on? What's the big deal? I suppose I should get going now. I'd like to tell you about my experimental artwork involving piles of Berber carpet but my Mom says that I have to go to bed. One last thing...I've recently become a Canine Good Citizen. That means I'm really good at eating treats after performing some simple tricks. I love treats. Thanks for listening.

Captain Jack, formerly Pirata de Mexico

See my full story at:

<http://www.alldogssite.com/paradepiratal.html>

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There are hundreds of stories in the Rescue Annals —

Information enables older couple to keep their beloved pet...

Yesterday I took a call from an older man and his wife. The wife has been ill and the dog not getting the careful attention he needs. They wanted to give the dog up to rescue so he could be the center of someone's life again. Those calls really get to me because the man was crying-- so of course I was crying. I listened for awhile and asked him what this 11 year old dog needed to be content.

Well to make a long story short — they think the dog needs a walk mid-day and perhaps to be groomed. We problem-solved and came up with the following plan--- I recommended a supportive ATCA breeder who could groom the dog. He never knew a groomer in his area that could make an Airedale look like an Airedale.

We also talked about dog sitters or day care. Day care was something he had never heard about. He now has information about a good kennel that provides day care with pick up and delivery and can keep the dog overnight if the wife is hospitalized. The plan is to do this twice a week in a non-puppy group. I called and did some checking and the average age of dogs in this small sub-set is 7 years old. He has the means to pay for both the dog sitter and the day care as needed. What he didn't have was the information.

Finally, I gave the "Rescue Promise" that if the situation changed, we would always take his well loved dog even if she was 20 years old. He felt so relieved to know that we did not turn away older dogs. This call cost nothing but it was priceless! The Filled with Love for Seniors Fundraiser assures that every senior call can be handled whether advice, money or rehoming is necessary. Thank you all so very much. [Chair]Christine Sheffer — ARWNY

A wonderful adopter shares this "cure" which has really worked with her very sick Airedale named Hershey.

She spent a fortune trying to help him, went to the very best hospital, etc, and this is what she writes:

Food: WD

Prednisone 20 mg tablet 2X per day,

decrease slowly (about 8 months)

Azathioprine: 50 mg 1/2 tablet 1x

(about a year)

Metronidazole 250 mg 2x

(still on this)

Tylan powder, 1/4 tsp 2x (still on this)

It's the Tylan (a fowl med., actually, but the vet discovered that this is what really worked for IBS even though it's not "in the book") Be sure and have xrays to rule out other causes

Symptoms = shooting diarrhea with blood mucous, vomiting. Hershey was losing weight at an alarming rate, nothing seemed to work until we started this protocol. Happy to say he is PERFECT now, seemed to turn the corner when Tylan started. Have to be very strict about NO treats EVER.

Pat

I would LOVE to have multiple Airedales, but on my limited income do not feel I could properly care for more than one, should he become chronically ill or need a two thousand dollar surgery like one of my former fosters just had. SO I have come up with the perfect solution as to how to have multiple Airedales and not foot the bill.

FOSTER THEM! Yes its the best of all possible worlds. I am doing something to help Airedales needing a way station, temporary kenneling (so to speak, I don't use crates unless it's absolutely necessary much to the chagrin of Chris) Nurturing, evaluating and just enjoying them.

Then they are gone, and Ace and I enjoy ourselves and the peace and quiet , until the next one comes in. Ace usually enjoys their company, he really is a good host. Sometimes it's hard to see them go and every other one I wish I could keep. Every third one I seriously think about it, but in the end they go off to their new forever homes and all too soon another Airedale is in need of rescuing, recuperating or just plain being loved and cared for for the first time in their lives. — Marcia and Ace

Oh my goodness, what a doll baby this boy is and has he ever found the right spot in the universe for him! I was at the adoptive home for four hours— This is a dog-crazy family and they are soooo charmed by this boy... And he is providing a lot of relief for the adoptive mom... One of their dogs is Alice, a two year old Irish setter who is as playful and as goofy as they come and she and Captain Jack just love play, play, playing. Today he had one of her favorite bones and Jenny (adoptive mom) and I watched Alice put together a plan to get it from our boy. .. She finally found a toy that she thought she could seduce Capt. Jack with and she was right — he abandoned the favorite toy and Alice was on it in a heartbeat. Jenny and I cracked up laughing. I could go on and on about how precious he is. Jenny tells me that now she believes she will never be without an Airedale in her life.

Cheryl Silver — TX

Last year Harry of Oklahoma came into Rescue in July 2005 and was adopted. He was recently returned to Rescue by his adopter, who had remarried; new wife didn't want Harry. Unfortunately, the adopter had allowed Harry to put on another 20 pounds, so Harry weighs 100# instead of the more appropriate 70-75.

He's a sweet boy and I truly believe he came back so we could save his life.

Jan Wiles —Oklahoma Airedale Rescue

Here are a few of them...

Zoe By Conne Versagi

My first senior, Zoe, has been a journey for me into a place called, The Things I Didn't Know.

I Didn't Know when ATRA called on me to take her in, that the information you get from an owner surrender is maybe not quite how things really are. They said she was "smallish," that she was 9, and had been with her owner up until now.

Well, Zoe stands even at the shoulder with my large, muscular male, and tilts the scales at only four pounds less. Maybe not so "smallish." In examining her medical records, and doing a little math, I figured out she was not 9 - she was about to turn 11.

I Didn't Know that the one piece of information that was correctly conveyed would be the one that would perplex me the most. She had in fact been with an owner. I Didn't Know that a dog could have an owner and yet live in a garage until her joints were arthritic, with so little contact she didn't know her name, five inch dreadlocks that started in mats right up to her skin. Feces caked on her back end in the long hair because her legs were too stiff and weak to squat. I Didn't Know how to prepare myself for the sadness in her eyes.

I Didn't Know that as I worked so hard to try to cut the mats away to expose her red runny eyes, get her more comfortable, that her lack of trust of women would grow and by the end of day two, she would be convinced I was the anti-Christ with clippers and not want anything to do with me. It broke my heart when she ran away from me, distrusted me.

I Didn't Know that any dog's eyes could be so sad, so empty as when we finished her bath and she stood as I towel dried her, put her head down on my lap and looked at me with eyes that said, I know I need this, but I hate it; where am I; who are you; I refuse to like you; I am not your dog, you are not my master; I am lost.

I Didn't Know that everything around her, at 11, could seem so new. I Didn't Know she would watch me blow dry my hair with total wonder. Being brushed, being scratched, sleeping near someone inside the house would be so foreign. I Didn't Know a dog could forget how to be part of a family.

I Didn't Know any creature could respond so quickly to good care. Not only learn to be part of a family, but howl in dismay if separated. She has learned to sleep next to the bed in my room, figured out what toys were, and wag her previously stoic tail whenever I come through the door. I Didn't Know I would be so excited the first time I saw her run on newly strengthening legs, and respond for the first time to the name I gave her.

The thing I really didn't know, had no way to prepare for on this journey into the land of Things I Didn't Know, was how quickly I would come to love this senior girl. How she would steal my heart.

Now Zoe and I both know so many more things than we did before. That being senior is not about being old, it is about being the matriarch, the Queen of Everything. Mostly we both discovered that love is not about how much time it will last, but about how deeply it will affect you. Thank you, Zoe, for teaching me about being strong and proud, full of wonder and love, how to let go of the past, and how to be The Queen of Everything! I hope I have learned enough from you that I will slide into my golden years with as much grace as you have.

On Adopting a Senior by Connie Versagi

A senior? To tell you the truth I never even considered it. The young ones are so fun, with so much time ahead of them to be your companion. I've heard people say an old dog is never going to bond with you at this stage; it's going to have so many weird habits from whatever happened to it before. And what has become my personal favorite - you are just going to get attached and it is going to die.

When I hear these reasons for not taking in a senior I now realize it has more to do with the person than the dog. It is about what if you can't handle this dog with baggage. Do you know how to teach bonding and trust? Can you earn this dog's love? And what happens when your heart gets broken way too soon?

I will tell you exactly what will happen. Pay close attention: You will learn to be a better person, a much more complete lover of dogs. You will feel a satisfaction down deep in your soul you didn't know before. Writing on a blank slate is one form of love. Finishing a story already written, over which you have no power except to bring it to a full and happy ending, is simply beyond love... You will suddenly know to the depths of your being that writing that ending is very much your responsibility, your pleasure and will eventually become your pain. You will do it again when asked because you will have no questions left inside yourself why you are here... You are going to learn how to reach out slowly with a reassuring hand, sit quietly and just let your hand rest on a dog that needs to feel that touch. You will be amazed how long one old dog can stand there letting you scratch, seemingly never soaking in enough love and attention to make up for time missed. One day, after a few weeks perhaps, you will look down and realize that dogs can in fact communicate very clearly and you have learned to listen. You will never hear a message so loud and clear as the message that emanates from the less-than-clear senior eyes saying thanks for this place to belong.

When I got my senior, one thought bothered me the most. That she was going to pass from this world one day and no one would cry. No one was going to miss her. She had quite simply been discarded. Little by little, day by day, she and I have rewritten that ending on the slate. She is a wonderful, gentle companion, full of funny Airedale quirks that make me laugh. Renewed verve. My cuddlebug. I will cry for her when she leaves me. Her passing will not go unnoticed.

So when I hear that reason for not taking a senior - because your heart will get broken, I always smile. You're right, it will get broken. There is no free lunch, they say. My broken heart will be the price I will gladly pay for time spent with one of the best dogs I've ever known. How much less of a person I would be if I don't let this wonderful senior break my heart.

For you see, this is not about my future broken heart, it is about her having someone's heart. She has mine.

And a few more . . .

NancyFosh is truly a bundle of joy. She is doing very well. Today she played and went on a nice walk with Milton. Its a little tough for Milton because when NancyFosh gets near him she grabs his tail or his ear. NancyFosh took a particularly long nap this afternoon as shown in photo On Monday she went to the Vet and the Vet will contact Ohio State about her eyes. I think I have the puppy food all ordered to be delivered on Wednesday.. Things are going much smoother with all the other pack members than I might have thought. In any event NancyFosh is very spunky and gives a mini Airedale challenge to any threatening advances. NancyFosh does not care for crusty snow that gives way underfoot. However, this kind of snow was only in one town north of here where we stopped for a walk. I chose a spot for NancyFosh where the snow was untouched for her safety. On Friday NancyFosh enjoyed a nursing home visit on her trip to Pennsylvania, she happily chewed on an oxygen hose and on the wheels for a walker. She's wonderful.

Lydia Storey— PA



We couldn't be happier with Sadie and MacDuff. They are just fabulous. There have been many Airedales in our family. My husband, Alan, had one as a teenager named Penny - she was just like Sadie in size and coat - silky and wavy, and an absolutely wonderful dog - gentle, friendly. She did have a very great love of chocolate and we had to be very very careful about anything like that around the house.

Alan's aunt, who lived in the house that we own now here in Maine, had 3 Airedales, one was Peggy, another I don't know the name of, and then there was Tammy! Tammy was a grand, just like MacDuff (he is 74 lbs). She was a mischief-maker from the word go. I remember coming to visit once on vacation only to find Aunt Marie chasing Tammy around the yard. She had stolen a nylon stocking off the line that was drying in the sun! That was Tammy all the way and a very very loving dog along with it.

It is a beautiful day here in the Northeast. I even have some of the windows open for the first time. Alan is working on cutting down a small tree and Sadie & MacDuff are watching him from the back deck. They absolutely love it when the back door is open like this and they can come at go at will. I feel good about it too because they are absolutely safe with the big fenced in yard beyond the deck. Later, they will get their 2nd walk of the day along the carriage path and then tonight we will take the path down to the cove. All in all, they walk about 7 miles a day and have a good time along the way. I hope you have a wonderful day - I know we will.

Best Regards,
Marie and Alan
Bartsch



The Gift

*Eyes fearful, paws worn
A sorrowful sight
so forlorn*

*Love they said would be the cure
For the suffering
You had endured*

*So our family grew that day
We brought you home
With us you'd stay*

*Slowly, gently the bond it grew
Faithful, loyal
Loving, true*

*Looking back it's so unclear
How we got by
Without you here*

*Trusted companion,
Devoted friend
You give and give It never ends*

*They said we were a gift to you
But now we know
Who rescued who.*

-J. M. Berry

Barbara Curtiss wrote:

An Airedale owner here in New England recently lost her wonderful adult Airedale when he got a container of Ibuprofen that she had on a table. He had never done anything like this before, he had a CD, and was a perfect gentleman. Why he decided to get that plastic bottle that day, she has no idea. But by the time she found him, it was too late. It was a powerful lesson to me, as it could have happened in my house just as easily.

... to tug at your heartstrings.

When we lost Murphy to cancer, it broke our hearts entirely. We now have our Littlest Lunatic, Courtenay, thanks to Connie Turner. As a result of a pre-rescue incident which left her mostly blind, Court's been a handful but, as she grows older, is morphing into a Murphy clone. She has many of his mannerisms, cocks her head the way he did, shakes the toys to bits at supper time, has lots of prey drive and is just such a comfort. She even looks much like Murphy with her woolly coat.

Courtenay is only five. Perhaps she will influence adopters to offer their homes and hearts to difficult, challenged, and challenging, little Airedales in the same way that Murphy helped raise awareness of the oldsters.

Maureen Scott — B.C.

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Amy is an energetic, fourteen year old, deaf Airedale who is super affectionate. Even after years of abuse and being bounced around several different owners, she still has the most loving personality. When we welcomed Amy into our home last year, she was shy and afraid of males. But after only a few days in our home, she is friendly to everyone. Amy is exceptionally housebroken and has never had an accident in the house. She loves to jump and "clack" when she is excited, especially when it is time for a car ride to the park. Amy unwinds after a fun filled day by lying in her bed and getting brushed before we go to sleep. Amy is by far an exceptional Airedale who has made our house a home.

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I just want to let you know that Newman crossed the Rainbow Bridge today. He could no longer deal with the pain his body wrenched on his precious soul. He paced, panted and could not lay down; afraid of the pain that made him cry out when he stood up. Damn the back yard breeders who breed these dogs to a size beyond what their joints can withstand - all in the name of money.

Newman was a rescue dog, having spent his life in a kennel neglected the first part of his life. Rest assured when he came to us for the last two years of his life, he was finally happy. I always called him "Newman Hardy" because I wanted him to know he had a family. When I pulled him from a shelter, he had surgery to remove the large growth on his gums the vet believed was from pulling on the kennel fence. He also had two surgeries to correct the eye entropia that since birth had left his eyelashes to scrape and irritate on his cornea. But despite the joint supplements and anti-inflammatories, we couldn't fix his hips and the damage of two vertebra fusing together - most likely caused by his breeding and jumping up and down in a kennel begging for attention. I also want you to know Newman had a heart of gold, kind to every rescue dog that we fostered and also to our grandson. Newman's tail would wiggle like crazy - and he thought he was the bomb when a female was here.

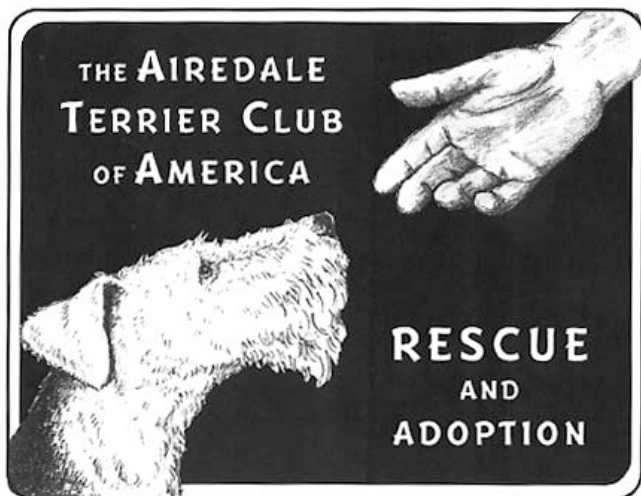
Tonight I hugged Annie and told her I'm sorry she lost her dear friend. She was with Dave as he laid Newman to rest out by the barn where he loved to run and explore in the hay field. I remember when Newman came to us two years ago and he didn't know what to do with all the space to run. The only thing that eases our pain is the happiness he felt as a member of our family. He slept in our bedroom, and if I got up before Dave in the morning, he would wait for Dave. Then he would let out a big, loud, deep yawn, knowing that Dave did the run morning routine of feeding the horses, the barn cats and the walk around the field for all the great smells. He truly lived for days outside with Dave and our other animals.

What we will miss so very much is pulling into the garage and seeing Newman come running to the car door, prancing and giving us that big smile showing us every huge tooth he had. Most people would have thought he was going to eat them up - we knew it was his way of saying, "I'm glad you're home, I've missed you, and I'm so happy to have a family."

I've enclosed one of my favorite pictures of Newman. Every time the sun came out, you could bet he would be sleeping sunning his belly. So tonight, please go hug those special in your lives - do it in Newman's memory. He would be happy to know that he could spread some of the love and acceptance he felt as "Newman Hardy."

Gina and Dave Hardy —WA





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