

Airedale 911

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Airedale Fostering 101

When I built my house, I had no idea I was going to be involved in Airedale rescue. I was shocked to discover that Airedales needed rescuing! Who could possibly lose or give up their Airedale? Ah, what an innocent I was!

Anyway .. my house consists of a bedroom and everything else. For the first couple of years, if a homeless Airedale turned up in Tucson, I would shuttle it up to Melissa Moore in Phoenix. Finally, I felt so guilty about not doing more to help, I decided that I had to try to foster, at least for a couple of days.

Luckily, my first opportunity was a calm, older girl who was no problem other than the fact that she stank from long-standing skin problems — even my carpets stank wherever she lay down. I thought that no one would ever adopt her, but after advertising in the newspaper, a man showed up who had recently divorced and lost custody of his Airedale to his wife. He decided that he and Shelby needed each other to heal their wounds.

I then installed baby gates at either end of my kitchen and between my kitchen and laundry room. I put in a fence to separate my front yard from my back yard and installed two dog doors -- one from my bedroom to the back yard and one from the laundry room to the front yard. I use an ex-pen to make a smaller confinement area right off the laundry room.

Two crates fit into the end of my kitchen. All new dogs start off confined to the kitchen and front yard until the "newness" has worn off. Most dogs move quickly into the general population. I have had a couple that, because of either temperament or medical reasons, have had to be kept completely separate.

I start out introductions in the yard. As long as a dog feels that he has lots of room to get away from another dog, there is usually no problem. If it is a female, I introduce Jack first. If it is a male, I introduce Rose first. Fostering has gotten a lot easier now that Rose doesn't feel that she has to show any female that she is the Queen B ... [Bee]. I keep everyone moving — no posturing allowed. We take many walks around the yard.

After everyone is comfortable in the yard, I then start introductions in the house. I make sure that all (cont'd on pg.2)

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rawhides, toys, etc., are picked up and I am careful not to allow any crowding at doorways and no one is allowed to "guard" me -- if they try, I get up and move.

What is the hardest part of fostering? Giving them up! I struggle each and every time and usually sink into a depression for a day or so after I place a dog. But, the wonderful reward is to receive the messages from the new family about how much they love their new family member. I babysit several of my former charges when their families are out of town. The dogs are always really happy to see me and spend some time back at the HardieDale place, but they are also always thrilled to see their families when they return.

Just begin by taking one step. Maybe babysit a friend's dog for an hour. I have had up to seven Airedales in my one-bedroom house. Whenever everyone gets along, it is amazing how many large Airedales can comfortably fit in a small room. Of course, I have a very large yard, so everyone has lots of room to run and play and relieve any pent-up energy. There is just nothing more fun for an Airedale addict than to watch a pack of Airedales running around together.

Items I have accumulated over the years that have been helpful:

Crates - wire and hard shelled - some dogs do better in one or the other

Exercise pens

A full line of muzzles - basket style and soft -- just in case.

Collars - from Gentle Leaders to prong to electric (don't use these unless you have been trained by a professional)

A product called "**Mark Out®**" (www.markout.com) works GREAT with rescue dogs who have been unneutered outside dogs. It looks like a wide Ace bandage with Velcro on each end. You wrap it snugly around the dog's waist. Because the dog is wrapped up, you don't have to clean up a mess or worry about lingering smells and he gets the unpleasant experience of wetting himself. Using this product, even hard core markers have been housebroken in a week. Most dogs get the idea in a day or two. *Caveat: Mark Out® and Dog Doors: If your dog is inside and wearing the wrap, then the dog door should be kept closed or his access to the dog door should be blocked. It is very important that your dog not have the repeated experience of being allowed outside to do his business while wearing the wrap. If he goes outdoors and urinates in the wrap, he will become confused and decide that urinating in the wrap is necessary. This carelessness may destroy the MarkOut® wrap as a training tool. A detailed instruction book comes with the product.*

Rescue Remedy — not sure at all that this works, but I put it in the new kid's water anyway.

Fast Balance G.I. - great stuff for tummy problems/diarrhea. A lot of rescued dogs can't handle the rich food you might be feeding your own dogs. You might want to start them out on a "grocery store" brand and gradually change them to your own food.

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For Your Information



CANINE RABIES CHALLENGE STUDIES BEGIN

One of the most important vaccine research studies in veterinary medicine is underway at the University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine in Madison. Dr. Ronald Schultz, a leading authority on veterinary vaccines and Chair of the Department of Pathobiological Sciences, has begun concurrent 5 and 7 year challenge studies to determine the long-term duration of immunity of the canine rabies vaccine, with the goal of extending the state-mandated interval for boosters. These will be the first long-term challenge studies on the canine rabies vaccine to be published in the United States.

Dr. Schultz comments that: "We are all very excited to start this study that will hopefully demonstrate that rabies vaccines can provide a minimum of 7 years of immunity."

This research is being financed by The Rabies Challenge Fund, a charitable trust founded by pet vaccine disclosure advocate Kris L. Christine of Maine, who serves as Co-Trustee with world-renowned veterinary research scientist and practicing clinician, Dr. W. Jean Dodds of Hemopet in California. The Rabies Challenge Fund recently met its goal of \$177,000 to fund the studies' first year budget with contributions from dog owners, canine groups,

Rabies - *cont'd from pg. 3*
trainers, veterinarians, and small businesses. Annual budget goals of \$150,000 for the studies must be met in the future.

Dr. Jean Dodds, DVM states: " This is the first time in my 43 years of involvement in veterinary issues that what started as a grass-roots

effort to change an outmoded regulation affecting animals will be addressed scientifically by an acknowledged expert to benefit all canines in the future."

Scientific data published in 1992 by Michel Aubert and his research team demonstrated that dogs were immune to a rabies challenge 5 years after vaccination, while Dr. Schultz's serological studies documented antibody titer counts at levels known to confer immunity to rabies 7 years post-vaccination. This data strongly suggests that state laws requiring annual or triennial rabies boosters for dogs are redundant. Because the rabies vaccine is the most potent of the veterinary vaccines and associated with significant adverse reactions, it should not be given more often than is necessary to maintain immunity. Adverse reactions such autoimmune diseases affecting the thyroid, joints, blood, eyes, skin, kidney, liver, bowel and central nervous system; anaphylactic shock; aggression; seizures; epilepsy; and fibrosarcomas at injection sites are linked to rabies vaccinations.

More information and regular updates on The Rabies Challenge Fund and the concurrent 5 and 7 year challenge studies it is financing can be found at the fund's website designed by volunteer Andrea Brin at:
www.RabiesChallengeFund.org.

*Kris L. Christine
Founder, Co-Trustee
The Rabies Challenge Fund*

FYI: VACCINATIONS NOT RECOMMENDED

Multiple components in vaccines compete with each other for the immune system and result in lesser immunity for each individual disease as well as increasing the risk of a reaction. Canine Corona Virus is only a disease of puppies. It is rare, self limiting (dogs get well in 3 days without treatment). Cornell & Texas A&M have only diagnosed one case each in the last 7 years. Corona virus does not cause disease in adult dogs.

"Leptospirosis vaccine is a common cause of adverse reactions in dogs. Most of the clinical cases of leptospirosis reported in dogs in the US are caused by serovars (or types) grippityphosa and bratsilvia. The vaccines contain different serovars eanicola and icthohemorrhagica. Cross protection is not provided and protection is short lived. Lepto vaccine is immuno-suppressive to puppies less than 16 weeks.

The Names of The Rescued

These are the 655 Airedales who were recorded as coming into rescue between 7/31/06 and 8/1/07.

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 marriage, a new job, illness, death, allergies, or - believe it or not - even because they are redecorating their home. 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 — something for which lots of them have waited 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..

Oliver	Gretchen	Cricket	Drake	Izzy	Susie Q	Chloe	Keesha	Sadie
Dutchess	Rocky	Bravo	Sadie	Dutchess	Maxx	Oakley	Ananda	Chloe
Katie	Harry	Maggie	Harley Jo	Darby	Dalton	Artie	Viva	Koda
Strider	Della	Mae	Molly	Brody	Rudi	Nolan	Sugar	Max
Charlie	Freeway	Angel	Daisy	Sophie	Jetta	Zoe	Teddy	Barkley
Amber	Molly	Cooper	Willow	(Rachael)	Lucy	Riley Jane	Beaudreaux	Benny
Jasmine	Matilda	Cinders	Lottie	Tasha	Stan	Willie	Amos	Maisie
Ari	Casey	Lily	Levi	Josie	Bailey	Shadow	Millie	Finnegan
Theo	Barry	Dancer	Piper	Kelly	Nellie	Abbie	Henry	Burek
Gustave	Murphy	Dasher	Rudy	Braxton	Barry	Oly	Payton	Bentley
Cardhu	Hillary	Prancer	Ellie	Annabelle	Winston	Samson	Jeeps	Gabby
Leo	Max	Roxy	Curly Sue	Max	Rudy	Daphne	Murray	Molly
Skeeter	Buddy	Peter	Winston	Allie	Emmie	Freeman	SweetWilliam	Kraemer
Nikki	Poppy	Murphie	Budweiser	Gussie	Odie	Ollie	Coco	Allie
Molly	Toby II	Jack	Jack	Jenna	Dale	Cooper	Bella	Popeye
Molly	Brody	Diego	Fred	Lilly	Duncan	Beauregard	Tommie	Zeus
Joey	Bobby -	Ceasar	Daisy	Avra/Mag	Calais	Bobby Dale	Remington	Harvey
Molly	Bacon	Fiona	Gandy	gie	Max	Teddy	Gigi	Oskar
Winston	Rigby	Oakley	Max	Lucy	Boots	Maggie	Flanagan	Bayla
Jackson	Seamus	Gwyneth	Battman	Samantha	Jacque	Maggee	Chaucer	Daisy
Milo	Annie -	Murphy	King	Jack	Missy	Lady Jane	Gracie	Brady
Phoenix	Green	Angus	Hannah	Ranger	Angus	Dolly	Andy	Millie
Sugar	Marta	Tooley	Bella	Oscar	Kailee	Annie	Roxie	Bronson
Ace	Grace	Kelli	Maggie	Sneaker	Reilly	Molly	Archie	Brady
Max	Airel	Kenna	Dutchess	Muffy	Murdoc	Ruby	Buzz	Bennie
Annie	Bean	Angus	Lizzy	Sonny	Pagoda	Dale	Stanley	Rocky
Shida	Archie	Sophie	Belle	Brody	Goldie	Bubba	Jetta	Chloe
JakeThomas	Brandee	Emma	McGuyver	JDOT	Emma	Molly	Guinness	Kota
Buddy	Addie	Karlee	Shasta	Belle	Jigger	Shamus	Rocket	Andy
Dudley	Tyler	Nicky	Thumpa	Bear	Annie	Diamond	Abbie	Betty
Pablo	Lucy	Timmy	Tartan	Kelli	Sam	OliverJames	Andy	Barney
Rusty	Cassie	Maggie -	Meri	Boudreaux	Megan	Zeus	McCartney	Aggie
Margie	Bud-	Mae	Lobo	Calista	Lexxy	Bubba	Sophia	Sasha
Charlie	Wiser	Oliver	Louis	Annie	Cinnamon	Rugby	Merlin	Lucy
Roscoe	Zoey	Stevie	Chloe	Zena	Merle	Sophie	Gus	Rogan
Hannah	Jack	Sophia	Arliss	Karlee	Wagadorn	Digby	Molly	Jo-Jo
Brody	April	Duncan	Will	Chancey	Maxwell	Henry	Sophie	Wrigley
Shadow	Bear	Toby	Grace	Cookie	Rogan	Medger	Sadie	Parker
Gordie	Maddox	Teddy	Mack	Quigley	Nelson	Duchess	Bentley	Cally
Strider	Trigg	Migs	Annie	Josie	Brandi	Sophia	Sasha	Belle
Dale	Charlene	Cooper	Pukki	Benson	Mikey	Baxter	Dale	Wyatt
Riley	Abby	Brandi	Zoe	4	Becky	Benny	Sadie Olivia	Guy

Molly	Sandy	Rusty	Ava	Roux	Casey	Hunter	Sadie	Isaac
Merry	Dandy	Lucy	Murphy	Shiner	Goldie	Higgins	Rose	Baylor
Ginger	Abby	Jasper	Dahla	Sugar-	Matilda	Allister	Trucker	Roudy 3
Abby	Charlie	Jasmine	Duke	Susie Q	Velcro	Terri	Roudy2	Max
Rocco	Paco	Nigel	Ripley	Willie	Cody	Frisbee	Runtail	Riley
General	Tinker Bell	Buddy	Daphnee	Winston	Oliver	Addie	Ryan	Keely
Jake	Rocky	Abby	Serindipity	Gilda	Nana	Bailey	Jake	Erin
Tully	Archer	Keiko	Sarah	Lazlo	MaggieMae	Boomer	Winston	Opie
Pepper	Arnold	Bailey	Arlo	Lizzie	Maggy	Abbey	Charlie	Duice
Caesar	Jack	Charlie	Zoe	Reilly	Maya	Rigsby	Herschel	Shasta
Bo	Pippin	Riley	Harley-	Ginger	Carrie	Lulu	Lucy	Harry
Katie	Frodo	Caleb	Pookie	Sadie	Brandy	Chelsie	Melody	Rooster
Santana	Sam	Rufus	Rigsby	Abby1	Ally	Tuffy	Dolly	Art
Dante	Tucker	Baxter	Sadie Mae	Abby2	Junior	Spike	Taz	Blankster
Buddy	Emma	Toby	Seamus	Maddie	Cassie	Dexter	Lucy	Minor
Ava Lynn	Aries	Kelsey	Allie	Mardi	Sam	Grady	Quin	Eddie
Duke	Murphy	JoJack	Allie 2	Gras	Scudder	Champ	Fona	Matt
Eddie	Bailey	Abbey	Bailey†	Jake	Mazey	Daffodil	Ona	Sussie
Tara	Mufasa	Maggie	Baxter	Hoover	Louie	Murphy	Dandee	Balyor
Tuck	Chopper	Preston	BB	Zeus	Teddy	Burgie	Guinss	Jack
Macy	Hudson	Izzy	Bear	Abby3	Jacob	Cody	Walter	Samie
Echo	Liberty	Bravo	Bess	Ajax	Dexter	Louis	Oliver	Harry 2
Tramp	Jolee	Achilles	Buddy	Tetley	Gretta	Barard	Bridget	Angel
Bobbi Sue	Hutch	Allie	Chance	Charlie	Skyler	Wizzard	Cody	Dave
Suzi	Izzy	Amber	Gracie	Jenny	Caleb	Evan	Angus	Francie
Bailey	Charlie	Bette Bella	Jake	Macey	Odie	Dj	Brindle	Peter
Watson	Sam	Coda	JJ	Julie	Brody	Edgar	Maggie	Darcy
Drake	Ivor	Jessup	Logan	Cheyenne	Matthew	Chikotay	Kona	Patty
Buster	Baron	Lotta	Maggie	Duke	Jozafine	Jake	Leaner	Morgan
Konner	Banjo	Maggie	Teddy	Snoopy	Lucy	Heart	Addison	Grady
Louie	Samson	Peepers	Bailey	Penny	Cody	Annie	Joey	Edmund
Bailey	Maxwell	Perczie	Junie B	Doc	Buster	Kip	Aster	Rusty

VACCINATION NEWSFLASH I would like to make you aware that all 27 veterinary schools in North America are in the process of changing their protocols for vaccinating dogs and cats. Some of this information will present an ethical & economic challenge to vets, and there will be skeptics. Some organizations have come up with a political compromise suggesting vaccinations every 3 years to appease those who fear loss of income vs those concerned about potential side effects. Politics, traditions, or the doctor's economic well being shouldn't be a factor in medical decision. **NEW PRINCIPLES OF IMMUNOLOGY** "Dogs and cats immune systems mature fully at 6 months. If a modified live virus vaccine is given after 6 months of age, it produces an immunity which is good for the life of the pet (ie: canine distemper, parvo, feline distemper). If another MLV vaccine is given a year later, the antibodies from the first vaccine neutralize the antigens of the second vaccine and there is little or no effect. The titer is not "boosted" nor are more memory cells induced. "Not only are annual boosters for parvo and distemper unnecessary, they subject the pet to potential risks of allergic reactions and immune-mediated hemolytic anemia. "There is no scientific documentation to back up label claims for annual administration of MLV vaccines. "Puppies receive antibodies through their mothers milk. This natural protection can last 8-14 weeks. Puppies & kittens should NOT be vaccinated at LESS than 8 weeks. Maternal immunity will neutralize the vaccine and little protection (0-38%) will be produced. Vaccination at 6 weeks will, however, delay the timing of the first highly effective vaccine. Vaccinations given 2 weeks apart suppress rather than stimulate the immune system. A series of vaccinations is given starting at 8 weeks and given 3-4 weeks apart up to 16 weeks of age. Another vaccination given sometime after 6 months of age (usually at 1 year 4 mo) will provide lifetime immunity. **CURRENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DOGS** "Distemper & Parvo. According to Dr. Schultz, AVMA, 8-15-95, when a vaccinations series given at 2, 3 & 4 months and again at 1 year with a MLV, puppies and kitten program memory cells that survive for life, providing lifelong immunity. "Dr. Carmichael at Cornell and Dr. Schultz have studies showing immunity against challenge at 2-10 years for canine distemper & 4 years for parvovirus. Studies for longer duration are pending."There are no new strains of parvovirus as one mfg. would like to suggest. Parvovirus vaccination provides cross immunity for all types.

Why I Love to Foster

Even after fostering scores of Airedales, the call about Abbey and Jack made me nervous. Five year old littermates, they had never been inside a house, much less groomed or vetted. They did have an owner who cared for them, in his own way, by bringing them to his logging job to run free all day, then back onto the back of an open pickup truck to a pen on his property at night.

Ten months ago, the man fell from a tree he was working on, killing him instantly, and the dogs were there with him. His daughter took Abbey and Jack to her house, but would not bring dirty, unhousebroken dogs inside, so she tied them to a tree and there they stayed through the New England winter until she finally called Airedale Rescue.

I hated to separate these two survivors, but taking both in seemed like an overwhelming task. I had a foster home to take the male, and I could take the female, but we realized that we would have to devote the next couple of weeks to training the dogs. I set up crates in four rooms in my house, thinking that Abbey could be among us and observe the sights, smells, and movements in a house, wherever we were, and then I'd take her on a leash to the yard frequently. I cleared my calendar of everything but "civilizing" this dog.

One thing I have learned with fostering, don't have preconceptions of what a dog is going to need. The ones that seem to have heavy baggage more often turn out to be wonderful once cleaned up and given kind attention. And so it was with Abbey and Jack. Abbey walked into my house and "got it" immediately. All my plans of crating and separating went out the window. She was so eager to please that she almost asked permission each step of the way, and earned full house privileges by nightfall. Her tail never stopped wagging. My vet did all the poking and prodding necessary for a full exam, and when she got her face wiped off from all Abbey's wet kisses, she said, "How can you give this dog up??"

I wish I could have captured the moment Abbey figured out dog beds. She watched my dogs lying about but was content on the floor, till one day when she was clearly studying the other dogs and when one got up off a deep bed, she went over and sniffed where his body had been, then reached her paw out to tentatively touch it, as if she were testing the temperature of a bath. Finally she put both feet on it, then four, then made circles, then looked at me to ask permission, then slowly sunk into the soft pile with the most contented sigh, five years of sleeping on dirt and snow went out of her with that sigh.

And that is why I love to foster.

Barbara Curtiss, NEAR
(New England Airedale Rescue)



Foster Care: From an Outsider's View

Barbara Curtiss: *This just came in, from a non-Airedale friend (very dog-loving, she has three Lab mixes referred to below), who sometimes comes over to meet fosters just because she gets a kick out of seeing them. The out-side dog I placed yesterday is the subject of this message.*

I just wanted to say how proud I am to know you and to be aware of what you do. You truly are an unsung hero.

I was thinking about the dog you gave up yesterday - how truly she would have been Your dog because she so wanted to fit in and please you, yet you knew of someone else who'd been waiting for her and you let her go to them.

While I know in your business that you can't keep them all, so rarely does one come along that is just the perfect fit. Sometimes the fit is even better than a dog that truly is yours. I couldn't do it. I admire that in you because I think that there are more of Me than there are You, hence the animal hoarders.

Why did I keep Moose? Because he really is My dog. But the price is Maestro's esteem in himself and with his pack. Maestro is My dog also. I can give you ten reasons why it'd be better for all of us for me to place Moose with a hunter but I can't do it. Simply, he makes me laugh (when I'm not ready to kill him). Lucky is also my dog and every other kid on the planet's dog as well. I'm proud to be his partner in what we do. He unwraps me with his obsessions - but he's my dog.

So, there you are. If there were tears in the car on your way back, I know that they were because of the joy that not only the dog will have with her new home but also for the people who have waited for her for so long. Also, because she was Your dog.

My hat is off to you. And now I'm bawling.
You're the best. Love, Diane - CT

Can't Own a Dog?

by Barbara Curtiss

We know ALL the reasons why people can't/shouldn't own a dog. But some people who can't own a dog are actually in a position to enjoy the fun of having a dog...for awhile.

Time: Teachers who have the summer off might like to foster a dog for several weeks when they have time to stay at home, time to go for walks. Tell your regional rescue group that you could be a home for a month or two, and enjoy your vacation with a dog to share it.

Lifestyle: Finally retired and looking forward to taking long trips? It's hard to own a dog when you also want to have your freedom. Retired people can be great foster parents between trips. Or for their winter months in the South, or for their summer months up North. Wherever you are for a few months, there is probably an Airedale that needs you.

Money: Dog ownership has become more expensive than ever. Veterinary care now can do fantastic things for animals, things that were never considered years ago. But this costs a lot. If owning a dog, or considering a second dog, is just more than you can finance, foster care allows you to enjoy the presence of a dog, while you submit the vet bills to a rescue group that does fundraising to cover the expenses.

Can't replace a beloved pet: If your beloved Airedale has died and you just cannot bring yourself to getting another dog because that wonderful friend cannot be replaced, you might be right. But you can still provide time and space to a dog that needs to be somewhere for a while to be prepared for adoption into a home that needs him/her. Just maybe this exercise will help heal your pain, and take you steps closer to having another dog of your own again.

Learning more about your own dog: You've been wondering what life is like with a second dog. You're not sure if your dog will love or hate having a sibling? Yes, it is a big decision whether to expand your family. Not such a big decision whether to invite a dog to stay in your home for awhile. If your dog loves company but you are not ready to own another Airedale, a foster will be a fun change for you and yours.

Love Airedales more than anything: Life is short. Only so many years to have Airedales in your life. By fostering, you can pack dozens and dozens of Airedales into your heart!



The Perfect Foster Home

By Barbara Curtiss

Nothing is ever perfect, but if I could suggest the perfect foster home it would be: A home with adults only, no cats, one friendly male dog, a securely fenced yard, people who are retired or work from home, and who have lots of experience with dogs including some training and grooming expertise.

But who needs to be perfect? Change a couple of those items, and the home can still do a fine job with fostering a homeless Airedale. All it takes is a bit of creativity and effort, and many of the variables can be overcome. Gates and crates, in fact, can make most situations into viable foster homes!

When I've placed ads in newspapers, I usually get some good responses. Even if it's asking for adopters, there are some responses from people who have/love Airedales saying they had no idea Airedales ever needed to be rescued...and hopefully, that they'd like to help in some way.

The ad I use is: Airedale Rescue and Adoption seeks responsible, loving, permanent homes for adult dogs. Then the phone/website. Some papers will put such an ad in for free, but even paying isn't a big bill for such a short classified ad in the pet section. Different papers, from time to time, can reach a lot of people.

Barbara Curtiss — NEAR

www.NewEnglandAiredaleRescue.org

Why do I foster?

Because sometimes these wonderful companions just need some lovin' and a place to bunk until they find their perfect human(s). I find fostering very rewarding and feel that I am able to make the world a better place by doing so.

Fostering - A Very Positive Experience

by Ellen McGeagh

My family and I have fostered a couple of Airedales, most recently Archie, who went to his forever home yesterday.

As a volunteer for ATRA in southeast Michigan, I sometimes get the call to pick up a surrendered dog and take it to the the vet we use. The Airedale will stay at the vet's while it is spayed or neutered, receives any needed medical care, and waits for a foster home to become available. Sometimes that wait seems too long and then I bring the dog home. My husband is allergic to dogs, but he adjusts for the short term.

Last year, I fostered Suzie Q until I drove her to Ohio to her forever home. Suzie Q was somewhat timid and had lived outside most of her life. The experiences of living with a family helped Suzie prepare for her new home. She needed to be loved and cared for and boarding at the vet's wasn't going to help bolster her confidence or sense of belonging.

Archie was surrendered to ATRA after being abused. Nothing that happened in his former life dampened his charming, loving spirit - but he needed a couple of weeks in a home to show that true personality. When the real Archie appeared, I was thrilled. He had been quiet and subdued — a good boy, but the real Archie was sparkling with life and humor, smart, affectionate and fun. My husband said he was a wonderful dog. Weeks in a kennel would have continued to dampen his spirit.

When we foster, it's as if the dog is our own. They get walks and rides to the Dairy Queen for a small vanilla twist, they have run of the house and have to adjust to the four cats who display varying degrees of tolerance for dogs.

So far, fostering has been a very positive experience for our family. Yeah, it's really hard to let them go when we've helped find their new, forever family. Archie was a real keeper, but I just couldn't do it with my husband's allergies (I know, get rid of him; everyone says so ...). But I try to keep the greater goal in mind: helping a good dog get to the right home for a long and happy life.

**"Airedale"
should *always*
be capitalized. Really!**

Cecil, Our House Guest

Cecil is staying with us until Thursday evening. His owners surrendered him this morning with many tears but we all think it is the best solution for Cecil. I hate getting rescues in these situations - breaks my heart too.

Anyway, Cecil is a youngish and rather large guy. He has had acres to roam in and now is going to be an urban Airedale with all the pleasures that will bring to him. He has never been in a crate. He needs to learn to love the crate before he goes to his new foster home tomorrow. Therefore, I 'seeded' the crate with some high end dog treats and a bone. He is looking into the crate (a wire one) from the sides and through the open door. I believe he is trying to s-t-r-e-t-c-h his neck so as to get the treats without putting paw across the threshold. I'm ignoring him but watching out of the corner of my eye. He is working on this. He looks at the crate and then goes outside a bit and comes in and looks at the crate, gives it a bit of a paw slap, and then goes to visit my mother or Lady Grace and then looks into the crate. It is a matter of time. We think he might pick the crate up and shake the treats out.

Apart from this minor deficiency he is a wonderful guy. I must say he looks exactly like my Rugby did at the same age so we are already very fond of him. He is nice and gentle and plays well with others.

I wonder how he will get those treats..... A new, nice foster Airedale is so much fun for us.

Ellana (Livermore), Bonnie ("He is a gorgeous guy..."), Lady Grace ("I think he is very nice and respectful."), Alex the cat ("Oh NOOOOOOOOOO!")

"Primary" Foster Care:

In-home care while initial temperament and behavior evaluation, veterinary care, spaying/neutering, and grooming are done and until another foster home or an appropriate permanent home is available.

I have always done my own primary care on rescues. If it is possible, a vet's appointment is in place when I pick up a dog. I am thinking of my own dog. When they are up on shots and blood work is done, we go home for bath and get to know each other.

My dog shows the yard and wants to play but always says he/she is boss. Since I don't move very fast anymore, I leave a long soft rope or leash attached to collar. It serves many purposes. When I am sure I don't have a fence jumper, it comes off; then we are ready for spay or Ooster.

I always have a crate ready. Some don't like the crate, so it is only used at night or when I go out. In the house dogs are confined to an area where I can keep an eye on them. They are encouraged to find an area they like and lie down on a blanket with a chew. No play is allowed during quiet time. Since my house is small, I can do this. Some dogs are shut in separate rooms (never had more than three at a time) usually with gates so they can see each other. Have come home and found them together, so happy to see me!

Buck was brought to me because he caused his owner too many vet bills. He liked porcupines too well. Owner didn't want to fence him. Also, he had been shot. He still carried a lot of buckshot in his body. Since it was not life threatening, some was left. He never trusted people, so to a great degree he was nocturnal.

Several people came to visit with him, but: "no." After six months, I was sure he was mine. One day a young woman called; she had had Airedales when she was growing up; could she and her husband visit? Buck usually hid when anyone came. To my surprise, Buck came out, went up to the man, who never had a dog before, and a love affair started. No one will ever know how I felt. Buck had his own person at last. To me this was such a wonderful story. I had gotten a CGC with him. They took him on to some training. I heard from them for a long time. They eventually got another Airedale to go with Buck. I think of him often when I think of work some rescues take

Another dog, named Ziggy, also would not leave the porcupines alone. The people thought all the quills were out, but shortly after I got him, his face swelled up. The vet said the quills go soft after they are imbedded for awhile. I thought he was all healed from surgery when he swelled up again. Back to the vet; more were found! This time it was found he was a bleeder. We very nearly lost him. I was unaware of such things. Spent the night up and down putting water down him. but I knew he was better when I let him out of his crate and he headed for food. He never bothered his bandages. He was a sweetie.

I have loved all, but some stand out.

Mary Carrier - NM

Good Intentions

I have "intended" to foster on three occasions, but it just did not work out that way.

One Female Airedale, over eight years old, I picked up at a shelter; she turned out to have an enlarged heart and required medication daily sooooooooooooo she remained with me until she died 13 months later - We named her Lilly.

Then I again went to pick up a male (52 lbs) and female (68 lbs). He was placed with two retired School Teachers in New Hampshire and I kept Beauty, the little tubby gal who needed a hernia repair after she lost weight, which she did in about five months and the repair was done. Beauty remained with me about six years, she was 5 1/2 when she arrived.

During those six years another female in a shelter needed us. April probably had been used as a brood bitch was very skinny; she was over seven, vets surmised. She needed to be spayed and put on weight, so she, too, joined the family. Every one had the run of the house, furniture etc.

After Beauty died, our Mixed Breed Sandy was very lonely so, we adopted Reggie, 11 + years old, when his owner had to go into a Nursing Home. We lost Reggie in May. So Sandy is alone again and is still sad as we are.

I'm sure there will be another Airedale who needs help and love - as we all do.

Jerri McDonell - NY

Once I Was a Lonely Dog...

*Once I was a lonely dog, just looking for a home.
I had no place to go, no one to call my own.*

*I wandered up and down the streets, in rain in heat and snow.
I ate what ever I could find, I was always on the go.*

*My skin would itch, my feet were sore, my body ached with pain.
And no one stopped to give a pat or to gently say my name.*

*I never saw a loving glance, I was always on the run.
For people thought that hurting me was really lots of fun.*

*And then one day I heard a voice so gentle, kind and sweet,
And arms so soft reached down to me and took me off my feet.*

*"No one again will hurt you," was whispered in my ear.
"You'll have a home to call your own where you will know no fear"
"You will be dry, you will be warm, you'll have enough to eat"
"And rest assured that when you sleep, your dreams will all be sweet."*

*I was afraid I must admit, I've lived so long in fear.
I can't remember when I let a human come so near.*

*And as she tended to my wounds and bathed and brushed my fur
She told me bout the rescue group and what it meant to her.*

*She said, "We are a circle, a line that never ends".
"And in the center there is you protected by new friends."*

*"And all around you are the ones that check the pounds,
And those that share their home after you've been found."*

*"And all the other folk are searching near and far.
"To find the perfect home for you, where you can be a star."*

*She said, "There is a family, that's waiting patiently,
And pretty soon we'll find them, just you wait and see".*

*"And then they'll join our circle they'll help to make it grow,
So there'll be room for more like you who have no place to go."*

*I waited very patiently; the days they came and went.
Today's the day I thought, my family will be sent.*

*Then just when I began to think it wasn't meant to be,
there were people standing there just gazing down at me.*

*I knew them in a heart beat, I could tell they felt it too.
They said, "We have been waiting for a special dog like you."*

*Now every night I say a prayer to all the gods that be.
"Thank you for the life I live and all you've given me.*

*But most of all protect the dogs in the pound and on the street.
And send a Rescue Person to lift them off their feet."*

*We find beauty in the most incomprehensible places
and the otherwise homely faces. It is our gift to see beyond the dirt,
terror, sadness, and defeat and find the true soul that lies within.
We are Rescue~*

Pat Weinstein (Sunshine Airedalors of Florida)

A Month With Hannah Marie

I was inspired to become a foster Airedale parent by a friend who has been fostering Labs for about two years. I thought it would be a great way of giving back to those dogs that for one reason or another are not as fortunate as my Airedale, Rupert. Plus, I knew Rupert would enjoy having a playmate.

My first foster opportunity came fairly quickly. I thought that I would need more time to prepare both myself and Rupert. But how would I prepare Rupert? As I found out soon enough, I had no reason to; he was ready all along.

And along came Hannah. Painfully thin, but with boundless energy she immediately made herself at home, much to Rupert's chagrin. She sort of put him in his place and he seemed not to know what to think. He kept his distance for the first week or so, probably more as an observer as well as not wanting to tussle with her initially. But afterwards, he began to engage her.

Soon, they became as playful as littermates. I was worried a bit at first since Rupert was so much bigger, but she held her own and they appeared to know it was only play. I would have like to have kept Hannah, but I thought because of her dire previous circumstances, she needed more individualized attention. I think she's getting that now - and I feel we (Rupert and I) gave her the immediate boost she needed. I look forward to my next foster dog and I'm sure Rupert does too!

Pam McKusick — MD

Fostering for Airedale Rescue

Mary Brown (& Lynn Clapham)

I had a number of Airedales during my adult life and quickly fell in love with the breed. When the last one died I decided my life had become too complicated and busy to provide a proper home for one any longer. In the back of my mind, I always thought that when I retired I would certainly get another Airedale. Upon retirement, however, it became immediately clear that my husband and I would be doing a lot of traveling, making it impractical, once again, to have a dog.

The occasional watching of Animal Planet on TV introduced me to the concept of animal rescue, and I thought, "I can do that." I emailed Barbara Curtiss of NEAR and inquired if she had any need for someone to provide temporary housing and transportation for Airedales. Her almost immediate response was, "You are a dream come true!"

This was in January 2004 and soon thereafter we picked up Louise, a very nervous and scared four year old female. Her owner had planned to put her down because she needed hip surgery! Louise wouldn't eat or eliminate. It was bitter cold but I walked her for hours at a time trying to get her to pee. She had been clipped much too short so I kept her warm in an old black cashmere sweater. Louise went to a wonderful new home on January 31 with two other Airedales, a huge fenced-in yard, and two loving Airedale experienced people who took care of all her medical needs.

What a satisfying experience to see this sweet, scared dog come into her Airedale self in this nurturing environment. And that, 13 Airedales later, is why we foster dogs.

It hasn't always been easy and certainly does disrupt your life. After fostering Tucker ("the terrible"), a one-year-old unneutered male, for a few weeks, and seeing him through his neuter surgery, we concluded we could handle any Airedale. To put it mildly he was a handful and a half. But we've learned to make adjustments to accommodate the different characteristics of each dog.

We started out giving them the run of the house, but after a few too many accidents on oriental rugs, etc., we now gate them in one or two rooms, at least until we know what we are working with. We haven't found crating to be particularly useful, although I know many people swear by it. We often provide a bed for the dog to use downstairs or upstairs, and sometimes, nothing will do but letting them sleep in the bedroom with us. While Louise was with us, Lynn built a pen in the back of the yard. We were thinking we needed to give Louise as much time as possible outside so she would "go to the bathroom." Well, that pen has been useful for about ten minutes of each dog's stay. Airedales do not like to be left alone outside and are not shy about letting you know.

Throughout the entire time we have been fostering, Barbara Curtiss has been by our side, via email, lending support and advice at every turn.

People often ask if we don't get attached to the dogs. The answer is "yes" and "no." It is fun to get to know the different personalities of each dog, but I think I've only been seriously attached to one or two dogs, Andy and Sandy – both gorgeous young intact males that we picked up at pounds. We have become good customers of the local vet, even though we do not actually own a pet! After a few neuterings and many general check-ups, he knows what we need when we call to say, "I have a young Airedale here who needs 'the works'."

But we have fond memories of all the others who have come through our home for varying lengths of time, from a few weeks to a day or two. In addition to Louise, Tucker, Andy and Sandy, we've provided a temporary place to land for Seamus, who had a penchant for sitting on straight back chairs, or in the director's chair across the kitchen table from me; Kramer, a great old fellow, who unfortunately didn't live too long after his placement; Ranger; Maizy; Maggie, a frightened little farm dog who went to a great new life with another very large Airedale; Pepper; Lucy; Cassie, whose owner died, and she got to go live and play with a friendly Mastiff; and, lastly, JoJack, who if I'd had him longer, might have really fallen for him.

Frankly, I think I have the best of all worlds: having Airedales live with me on my schedule and having the satisfaction of seeing them settled into wonderful, and loving permanent homes.

Heartfelt Thanks to you hundreds of Airedale lovers who have generously given in whatever capacity you could, whether it be monetary, blood, sweat and tears, supplies, gas and time or prayer. All of your contributions are sincerely appreciated, and too numerous to mention individually. Please know that without each and every one of them, though, Rescue, even as crucial as it is, could not exist.

Kirk Nims and Mike Billion Share Some of Their Fostering Experiences



Arliss to this day, and probably forever, will be a runaway. That is perhaps the first lesson that ATRA folks need to take away from Arliss' story. We now know that we have two Runaway Rescue 'dales in our Deerfield House Pack. Both Arliss and Fozzie Bear came to ATRA as runaways. Both had been hit by vehicles, events that ended their running for a time because they simply couldn't run any longer.

Fozzie Bear was a puppy runner, hit by a pickup truck near Wheeling, W.Va. The shelter that picked Fozzie up took him to the vet. The vet was supposed to have put Fozzie to sleep; knowing that they couldn't afford the expense of his hip repair. The vet messed up and neutered him. With that money already spent on Fozzie, and the shelter knowing that they couldn't afford to fix the damage to his right hip that the truck had caused, they called ATRA, so ATRA could try to help Fozzie. Sandi Sprankle drove from Wadsworth, Ohio, to West Virginia and took in Fozzie. His right hip joint was shattered by the truck.

ATRA took care of his FHO hip surgery and Sandi took care of Fozzie's short-term rehabilitation care. Mike and I took Fozzie to foster him through his full recovery. Fozzie was driving Sandi and Don's senior Airedales crazy as he gained mobility. We had young fit Airedales that could play with Fozzie and assist with his rehab.

We had Fozzie for several months and Sandi then located a placement for him in Ohio. He did fine there until the infant grandchild started crawling about the house. Fozzie is one of those Airedales that desire to be in charge of everything. He is smart, very active, and a very alpha sort of Airedale. He takes a strong hand and constant reminding that he is not in charge of the house and all of the souls there in. Mike and I called him back from his foster home and adopted him permanently. One of our previous foster boys had been put down due to aggression by his adopters and we did not want this to happen again with one of our foster boys that we knew was not vicious. He continues to be a runner. He can not be trusted off lead at all. Given a chance, a smell or something he sees will pull him away from the pack and off he goes.

These experiences along with our experience in coping with our first ATRA adoptee Sir Miles Doo Bop, brought to us by Annette Hall, have made Mike and I some of the go-to people in ATRA when it comes to Airedales that ATRA encounters that seem to demonstrate aggression or aggressive behaviors.

Sir Miles bit people. No other way to put it. We ended up with him because he had bitten people and he wanted to eat the man of the house in which Annette thought that she would place him. With us, he was a pussy cat from the first seconds. He loved us and Mike in particular.

That was, until Miles nailed me. I had known something was wrong with Miles. He just was not right. I kept centering on his cracked off tip on his lower left canine. But, his vet from puppyhood had not treated it. Sandi's vet had not treated it. My own vet looked at it when I pointed it out and asked about it and he made nothing of it. After Miles bit, I promptly made an appointment with Dr. Benjamin Colmery. He is a veterinary dentist. When Dr. Colmery took one look at Miles' mouth, he said that the tooth was most certainly the probable cause of Miles' pain. We decided that we would take a very thorough look for any other possible sources of pain which might be the cause of Miles' aggression while Miles was asleep for oral examination and other X-rays. It was the tooth: Miles' jaw was infected into the bone. The tooth was abscessed and had to be surgically removed. I carry his tooth with me as a constant reminder of this first lesson of aggressive behavior in Airedales.

Later in Miles' life, another source of aggression appeared with our sweet huge Airedale boy. He developed Endocrine Immune disorders. These manifested via aggression, food allergies, skin disorders, severe digestive illness and cancer. We treated him very successfully over his 12 year life with the help of Dr. Alfred Plechner who was practicing in Los Angeles, Calif., at the time. He has written a book, "Pets at Risk," (available for purchase on Amazon.com) which details how to diagnose these very prevalent endocrine disorders. The Airedale on the cover of "Pets at Risk" is not Miles, but they did find a dog that looked just like him for the cover photograph. Miles was the inspiration and driving force that got me to talk Dr. Plechner into writing this book before he retired and quit active practice. This book explains in great detail how owners and veterinarians can successfully diagnose and treat these

highly prevalent endocrine disorders in our animals. Many Airedale owners know that this works. We have seen it work. It is based on many years of clinical observation, testing, and treatment via the protocols that Dr. Plechner developed for treating these animals. Miles ended his 12-year life being able to walk happily around our neighborhood at Mike's side with wagging tail and the children of the street loving on him and hugging him.

So; Arliss, the point of this tale? He too was a runner and remains so today. I got the call from his ATRA rescuer, Chris Bettis, because of the ATRA network and the knowledge in ATRA that Mike and I know about aggressive Airedales. Arliss had bitten in his ATRA adoptive home. He was in trouble. It was Memorial Day weekend. Arliss was in quarantine facing being put down. His family knew that he was not a vicious Airedale but could not account for his having bitten. They decided to surrender Arliss to ATRA again. Being Memorial Day weekend, Patty Eisenbraun delayed her plans and arranged to meet Arliss when he arrived in Michigan from New Hampshire. Patty knew what had recently happened with Arliss.

Patty had also been at our side through our ordeals in learning how to help Miles with his problems, our work with Jake, and our work with Fozzie. She knew the order of things in the search for why an Airedale is behaving aggressively.

- Any dog will bite given the correct set of circumstance;
- Search for any possible cause of pain in the dog. Hurting dogs are often biting dogs;
- Search for any possible medical issues in the dog, in particular, the Endocrine Immune Testing required for diagnosis prior to treatment via the Plechner Protocols;
- Search for psychological issues in the dog. Have experienced and trained canine behaviorists examine, test, and evaluate the dog for a professional opinion regarding the temperament of the dog. Abused, mis-trained, unsocialized dogs or fearful dogs are often biting dogs.

When Arliss jumped out of the SUV to the ground, he came up limping on his right rear leg. Patty immediately asked about it. She was told that he had been limping on it for the entire time he was in adoption.

In fact, Arliss had been seen by many veterinarians since his having been hit by the vehicle in Mississippi. Some top-quality veterinarians and at a veterinary school of medicine in the East. No cause of his pain was found, so he was kept on pain medications.

Well, Patty, being Patty, added things up immediately. She took him directly to her veterinary hospital for boarding for the Memorial Day weekend and told them to have Dr. Wright, the staff orthopedic specialist, start working to determine exactly what was wrong with Arliss' right rear leg and why he was in pain.

The next week, Arliss was put under anesthesia and very detailed X-rays were taken. Dr. Wright found the cause of Arliss' pain. When the vehicle hit Arliss, his ankle or hock was twisted. This caused some ligaments to pull away from the bone; a bad sprain of his ankle. With the ligaments came some bone chips and these had lodged in the joint. This is not uncommon. It has happened to me personally, but not my ankle. It was my thumb that I sprained. I, too, had a bone chip in the joint. Mine was fine for 20 years, then, it moved into the joint and began to press upon a nerve there. It was exquisitely painful and required surgical removal.

Arliss was deemed OK medically otherwise and Dr. Wright wanted to wait a time before doing the extensive surgery that removal of the bone chips would require. He had just been under anesthesia and Dr. Wright wanted some time to pass before he anesthetized him again. So, Arliss went and spent a couple of weeks with ATRA's behaviorist of choice.

During a couple of week living with, training, testing, and evaluating Arliss, she determined that Arliss was not a vicious Airedale. Just what everybody who knew Arliss already knew. There isn't a mean bone in Arliss' body. He is a goofy young boy that is mouthy, but not a mean dog.

Given these facts, ATRA decided that ATRA would get Arliss' leg repaired. Mike and I would foster Arliss during his recovery. We have had good experience working with ATRA Airedales who have had orthopedic surgery. Fozzie: FHO; Miles: knees; Remi: FHO. We have worked with Dr. Wright and he knows that we do the right things with his patients.

Arliss recovered just fine. The hospital staff loved him. He was very patient with his cast for five weeks. Today, if he does a bit too much running or jumps around too much, he will favor his leg briefly then back to walking around like a normal Airedale. He is not on any pain meds, goes for walks and runs, does steps just fine and is a playful, happy and content member of the Deerfield House Pack of ATRA Rescue 'dales.

Arliss is a classic example of reasons number 2 and 3 as to why a dog bites. Why and how he came to bite, exactly when he did bite, we will not know for sure. But, we do know that he was in pain; and the pain was due to a medical issue that was able to be resolved for him by caring humans.

Once again, ATRA has done the right things for an Airedale in need of the right humans to help them with their current crisis in life. None of this is able to happen absent this fine organization, dedicated, knowledgeable volunteers and rescuers, and the funds to do what needs to be done when it needs to happen for the Airedales.

Kirk and Mike - MI

Brandy's Story

by Lynn O'Shaughnessy

It was the day before Thanksgiving when I received the call. A 13-year old Airedale was being surrendered to ATRA. Her family had moved and could not take her. She was left behind with relatives.

I wasted no time getting there. The temperatures at night were already going into the 20s and I was told she lived outside. I pulled in front of a modest home in an older neighborhood. However, nothing could prepare me for what I was about to see. Brandy was tied out in the yard next to a dog house. There was no straw or blankets to comfort her old bones. She had hair missing and what was there was terribly dreadlocked, matted and filthy.

I bit my tongue, and completed the paperwork. When it came time to get Brandy, the people just unhooked her and handed her to me, tie out, cable and all. I gathered her up and put her in the car. Despite all of her neglect, she managed a tail wag. She was so grateful to be going somewhere – anywhere there were people.

A bath was the first order of business. After washing away all of the stench, I just used scissors to cut away all the matted fur. She was quite thin underneath. I gave her some food, probably the best meal she had in a while. She ate with gusto and wagged her tail some more.

Little by little she improved. Her diarrhea went away, her coat began to grow back and she was quite playful for her age. She celebrated Christmas with us.

She was warm. She was loved. She finally had what she needed to renew her spirit.

By January, she was ready for her new home. I wasn't sure if anyone would adopt a 13-year old dog, but I took her picture and put her up on the Web site anyway. In the back of my mind, I told myself that if no one wanted her, she could live out her days here with us.

But Brandy had an Aire-Angel. Joan Ragan called in February. She had just lost her Zoey. I was happy yet sad. Brandy and Joan were a match made in heaven, but I still shed some tears when she left – tears of joy.

Joan officially signed the papers to adopt Brandy on Valentines Day. I could not think of a better present for my little foster girl.

Brandy's Legacy

by Joan Ragan

I had Brandy from middle of Feb. to Jan. of next year. Only 11 1/2 months. Brandy was required to do nothing but keep comfortable, sleep, eat, drink and little walks and car rides. Her kidneys started to give out in Nov. On New Year's Day, an emergency trip to her vet was Brandy's last car ride. This sweet abused old gal at 14 yrs old was at the end of her life and put to sleep.

Two weeks later, Breezie came to live here at eight yrs old and tied to a shelter gate with a note, "We don't want her anymore." She has been adopted by me.

Three months ago, Wiggles came here at nine yrs old. Lived her first three years in a metal grain bin, with three other dogs. No shelter from any weather, 1/2 the weight she should have been. No grooming ever, no shots, no human to care. Humane people placed her with a young family, Wiggles had to be house-broken and learn

about people. Then they started having kids. The kids were allowed to scare her when she napped, throw toys at her, corner her and tease, so she snapped at a child in the face. Wiggles was evicted from her home. I offered to transport and foster her. Knowing her story I knew this dog was going to have it the best ever in her life. The papers are signed and Wiggles is here.

During these three months I have found Wiggles to have had a broken rib, cracked jaw bone, broken bone in her foot. All healed on their own with no vet care. Where this happened we are not sure. Vet is thinking from looking that it was in the home with the kids. Dad did not like dogs. Humm. Does not take long to figure this one out as Wiggles is afraid of men, add to that anything metal that clanks, storms and putting your hands on her face. She was beaten, it is simple as that.

Wiggles is never forced into anything in a hurry; slow and easy she is coming around, can sleep easy and

eats anything she can get. This last week she actually was taken to a groomer. I had been doing a little at a time with her and she was scared, so I felt a two hr trip to a groomer would start a little more trust. She did wonderfully, was such a good girl. And I came after her, she was not abandoned. She has issues of being left home alone, does a lot of barking and crying, So she goes with a lot yet.

I cannot get out of the same room now without her beside me. She wags her tail and is starting to play with stuffed toys and loves dog chews. She does not know how to play with other dogs. and will not try, She walks away if they try to get too close.

But she is here forever, just us old ones: two 10 yr old Airedales and an old lady on Medicare.



Introducing a Foster Dog to Your Pack

by Barbara Curtiss

This is always requires patience and care, as you never know what the chemistry between dogs may turn out to be. I have had very few fosters that needed to be kept separate from my dogs for the full time here, a few that I knew could be thrown together in the yard immediately, and most that needed managed introductions until they had their own rules worked out for safe interaction.

Unless I've been told that a dog is definitely dog-aggressive, our intro works like this: My dogs are in the house and the new dog gets out of the car and walks around on leash with me in the front yard, while my husband brings out our kindest, most submissive dog on a leash and we go for a little walk where the dogs can see each other but are not nose to nose. By walking along, we're giving them something to do while getting their eyeful of each other. Then we get closer, finally walking in a way that one can surreptitiously get in a sniff of the other's bottom while we are still walking along. And then we end up walking together, seeing that each dog has relaxed.

Then one of us goes back to the house to get another dog (this all depends on how many dogs we have at the time, of course), repeating the scenario, and eventually bringing the leashed dogs through a gate into the dog yard. We walk around the yard allowing sniffs of place and bodies and, if all seems relaxed, drop the leash of dogs one by one but are ready to stomp on a leash to stop any excitement or tense interaction.

Then we go into the house with the new dog on leash to sort of repeat the intro inside, so the new dog gets the idea of the layout and where the door is. All bones, rawhide, important toys are removed. We keep everybody moving, moving, no tight corners, no deadends.

Then back outside for another free time, then again leashed inside.

A few such ins and outs gives the new guy an understanding of the space he has to work with. Then maybe all into crates for a treat and time out, then two out to interact. All supervised, with a water sprayer at the ready in case there's a snarl.

We do have gates that can separate various parts of the house and these are used when we cannot be right there to supervise, like going to take a shower. If I have a dog who is not very welcoming to a new dog, I give him a private space so he just doesn't have to deal with it. I tell my own dogs that they are lucky not to have to be in the scary position of facing strange people/dogs/places so they will just have to make some concessions during the time a dog stays with us. My Muggs, whom I had for 14 years, was a dominant guy and he made it clear to all others what the rules were. It was fascinating to watch how that was communicated almost instantly. If a new dog did not accept Muggs' rules, then I had to make another more separate arrangement, at least for awhile.

Two dominant dogs will be trouble and since fostering is a temporary lifestyle, I just lived with crates and gates during the time the foster was with us. For example, the kitchen was very important to Muggs, so I never allowed another dog to get into his face near the stove or refrigerator. He would be fine, though, with any dog in the living room. In fact, outside in the yard, I have never had any problems between dogs.

My experience is that dogs of opposite sex are the best match — or two males. Two *females*, however, are very often a problem together.

Fostering on "Roundabout Farm" in Maine

We have been a foster home for several Airedales for New England Airedale Rescue, getting started through a friend, Janice Tucker [who now lives in North Carolina].

Each experience has been completely unique. One of our rescue projects was a young female name Ivy. She lived with us for several weeks while we evaluated her and a search was made to find her the best possible new home. Ivy was full of energy and enthusiasm for life, but she did not have much training under her belt. We had our own young Airedale at the time and the two of them had a great time playing. It did a great deal to help Ivy feel at home in this new environment.

It was very gratifying to be able to help Ivy through this difficult transition. Initially her needs were to be groomed and reassured, but once she felt safe, she just blossomed. We did crate her at night and when we were away from home. This seemed to help her feel more secure. And we used a lot of positive behavioral supports to encourage her "good behaviors". By the time she left she sat on command, walked well on a leash, and allowed us to groom and touch her all over.

She was finally placed in a new home with two devoted new "parents" and another young dog to play with. We were sad to see her go, but having two young dogs long term would have been too much for our household. The new home kept us posted on her progress for several months and Ivy seemed to settle in happily.

We would be happy to talk with newcomers and encourage them in their fostering efforts. *Mara Miles*

Scruffy-Molly-Agatha, a.k.a. Bella-Bella

There should be one of those warnings for this: "Warning - graphic material - viewer discretion advised"

7/1/2006: We have an Airedale that needs to come to rescue from a very bad situation.

This 8 year old has spent much of her life in a "hot box." This was explained to me as a box with holes on the back of a truck to keep a dog used to hunt hogs. She is now living under a mobile home but keeps getting pregnant by a pit bull that gets in the yard. She is missing a lot of hair, and has been bald at times. The owner wants to surrender her to rescue, and we need a person willing to pick her up as soon as possible. Please call me if you can help.

Thanks, Cindy Dwyer - North Texas Airedale Rescue

7/4/2006: This was a tough time to ask for help, many people have been out of town for the holiday and are just now reading about Scruffy, the girl that had been kept in a box on the back of a truck. Everyone is very concerned and offering to help anyway they can.

She is safe and in rescue! Although she is visually heartbreaking to see, she is sweet and gives kisses. Scruffy will need total vetting and tests, and a long series of treatments to control the infection that has taken away most of her coat. Kathy Patterson has generously donated two hand made quilts to help Scruffy and all our other Dales in need. Thanks from Scruffy! Cindy

7/6/2006: We thought everyone would want to see the pictures of Scruffy, who is now going by the name of Molly.



The second picture shows her poor, sore, black skin.

Except for a couple tufts of hair, the black areas are bald skin.

7/9/2006: We have a wonderful offer from Dorothy Duff in New Mexico to foster Scruffy, now named Molly our senior girl that came in to rescue in such neglected condition last week. Dorothy has brought many Airedales back to health from terrible conditions and is the perfect foster for our girl, but.....we have to get her there! She will be ready to go Wed. and the sooner Dorothy gets her, the sooner she can begin healing. Thank you from Molly!!

7/13/2006: Miss Molly is safely in Midland Texas and Vilia our Midland volunteer says she is perky but does not have much of an appetite. She will stay with Vilia tomorrow and come to ABQ on Saturday with the help of Luboock volunteer Jim Cartwright. The Duffs hope to have the remodeled doggy suite ready for her ...but the curtains will not be up yet. We are looking forward to having her with us.

Dorothy & Will [Southwest Airedale Terrier Rescue - New Mexico]

7/16/2006: She does not respond to Molly so we are trying various names. She still has a small appetite but seems very relaxed and comfortable. Dorothy

Top next page is a picture of Scruffy now named Agatha, at her new foster home in New Mexico. Agatha after Agatha Christy because it's a mystery how she survived up til now. She's enjoying the good food, comfortable surroundings and love in her foster home. Doesn't she look better already? We're keeping hopeful that she will regrow hair in her bald spots.

Thanks to Dorothy and Will Dunn for opening their home to foster Agatha
Thanks to Mikale Ward, Dana White, Vilia in Midland, Jim Cartwright and Dorothy Dunn for transporting her from North Texas to Albuquerque.
Also a big thanks for donations to help with her medical bills to: Melinda Read, Stephen Cor-der, Claudia Cavin, Kathy Clare, Mike and Lynn Budd
You all have truly made a difference in the life of this girl!

Cindy

7/18/2006: Scruffy (now Agatha) is feeling better and we meet with the vet this afternoon. She is showing some pep. She still has to be coaxed to eat...probably from immune suppression and all the meds she has received. She cannot be placed for a while but she will be very nice. She is light on the leash and appears to do fine with other dogs. I think she is younger than estimated. Teeth are pearly white and her gait is airy...no signs of arthritis. I will see what the vet says this afternoon. She is medium to small in size. Dorothy

8/1/2006: I think I see some hair coming in on her thigh muscle. I have been massaging our Lavender oil on this area and I think there is new hair. This poor girl did not have "patches" of hair loss — she was 85–90% bald. She is a great girl...very peppy and affectionate...but she needs some hair. Dorothy

9/17/06: I finish her treatment the end of this month and take her back to the vet to check the mite status. Depending on whether or not I need to continue with the mite treatment she will be ready to be adopted by a kind hearted soul.

She is about 55–60# good house dog... sleeps in the crate at night with door open and gated in the bathroom; fair on a leash; integrated with Maxine, Toby, Rocket and Cesar. She is allowed to walk by Audrey but Audrey is a grouch so I do not leave them together unsupervised. She has potential to counter surf....is very affectionate and wants to be in your lap, likes to get on the sofa. She's become fairly well adjusted, with no fears, but is a little head shy. She likes to be in the house most of the time, when not playing with Rocket.

9/18/06: Agatha is growing hair back but slowly and there are some places where the skin is damaged that we don't know. I am seeing more fuzz. Where there is not too much skin damage. The problem is I have been using t-shirts to keep her protected from the sun. but her skin is so delicate in places the shirt rubs her hair off her legs. Now I just use coats that fasten in front and under the belly. She has to be dressed now because of the cold (24 deg this am)...but once the house warms up in the AM she goes without clothes.

12/4/2006: Her new mom had to buy her a new Christmas sweater and scarf ... and had her picture taken with Santa for us !! Dorothy



Agatha Bella–Bella in Nevada:

She sleeps on the bed with Rayma and lounges on the new bed I sent home with her !! She is loved LOTS!!

12/19/2006: I just had to share the Christmas card from Rayma and Agatha BellaBella. The inside of the card says,

"Thank you for the Christmas Blessing."

This girl goes everywhere with Rayma and just loves her apples from McDonald's (which she gets for free because they all know her now :-)

[Rusty LaFrance
Southwest Airedale Terrier Rescue – Nevada]



PET SMART

Bella-Bella's Christmas Card

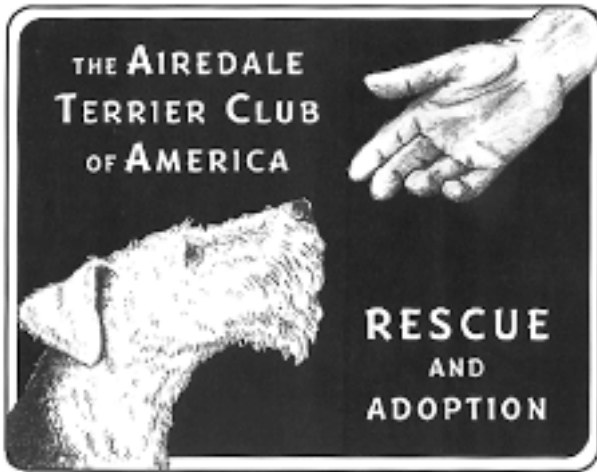


**A brand new Holiday Season is upon us.
May your hearts be touched by these stories
and may you, too, find the urge to foster irresistible.**

AIREDALE RESCUE VOLUNTEER NEEDS

If you want to help Airedale rescue here are some of the tasks that always need doing. Contact me for explanations and details on any of them...then we can discuss how it all happens. THANKS for your interest!

- ***Visiting applicants in your area:*** It is so important for us to have a first-hand understanding of the people and physical set-up in order to make the right people-dog match. Applicants, too, welcome this contact.
- ***Calling references and vet:*** Each application asks for this information. For applicants in your area, you could follow up on these, which again helps us to understand the applicant better.
- ***Grooming:*** If you groom, you could help us get a dog looking his best and ready for adoption. Some foster homes do not groom, and the cost of professional grooming is quite a chunk of the donation.
- ***Information resource for adopters in your area:*** If it is a first Airedale for someone, he may need advice on a good groomer, boarding kennel, trainer, vet in your area.
- ***Meeting a dog prior to surrender:*** When an owner calls to arrange to surrender his dog to us, we cannot always take the dog in at a moment's notice. But if you could visit the owner and dog, you could verify that the dog is indeed a purebred Airedale, give us your take on his temperament and a log of preparatory work and information can then be done.
- ***Checking a dog we hear to be at a shelter to determine if he is an Airedale.***
- ***Post placement visits:*** These help us help an adopter once the dog is settled.
- ***Transporting:*** Dogs and foster homes and adopters are never in the same place, so somebody has to do some driving.
- ***Photocopying:*** We produce a lot of paperwork. If you have use of a photocopier it would help our costs.
- ***Making/crafting a fund-raising project:*** If you have a skill to make and donate a project (with an Airedale them preferably), we have the market to sell it.
- ***Watch newspapers for "free to good home" ads:*** Few people know that there is an Airedale Rescue, certainly a better alternative for finding the best new home.
- ***Visit your local shelter:*** Introduce yourself, explain how we help Airedales, ask them to call you if they get or know of an Airedale that needs help.
- ***Post a Rescue card at area shelters and pet shops:*** Many good adopters find us this way.
- ***Invite inquiries to meet you dog:*** Some people think they want an Airedale just from looking at pictures in a book. Many people want an Airedale because they hear they are good for people with allergies. Before getting a dog, though, they should meet one to test their tolerance.
- ***Supplies:*** Your local rescue group can always use blankets, food, free crates and ex-pens, etc.
- ***Foster care:*** Like the Peace Corps, it's "the toughest job you'll ever love." Might it be for you? Email Sidney Hardie or Barbara Curtiss with questions about this critical need, if you feel you may be able to provide temporary care for a homeless Airedale. You'll find their email addresses on the masthead.



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*Volunteer

*Donate

www.airedalerescue.net/donate.htm

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*your old mobile phone

*a vehicle, running or not!

Tax Deductible!

*Host an AireFest

*Web Design and Maintenance

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Regional Rescue Groups

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AAR	Alaska Airedale Rescue	
AireCanada	Airedale Rescue of Canada	airedanada.com
ARADV	Airedale R and A of the Delaware Valley, Inc.	Airedale911.org
ARANT	Airedale Rescue and Adoption of Northern Texas	arant.rescuegroups.com
ARG	Airedale Rescue Group	Airedalerescuegroup.com
ARM	Airedale Rescue Midwest	
ARWNY	Airedale Rescue of Western New York	
ATCMNY	Airedale Terrier Club of Metropolitan New York	atcmny.org/
ATCMW	Airedale Terrier Club of Metropolitan Wash DC	atcmw.org
ATRA	Airedale Terrier Rescue and Adoption, Inc.	aire-rescue.com
ATRVA	Airedale Terrier Rescue of Virginia	ATRVA.com
FlaSA	Florida Sunshine Airedalers	sunshineairedalers.org/
GDATEC	Greater Denver Airedale Terrier Club	gdatc.org
HAATC	High Altitude Airedale Terrier Club	compusmart.ab.ca/airedaleclub/
LSATCDFW	Lone Star Airedale T. Club of Dallas/Fort Worth	lsatc.com/
NATA	Nebraska Airedale Terrier Assoc.	nebraska-airedales.com
NEAR	New England Airedale Rescue	newenglandairedalerescue.org
NWATR	Northwest Airedale Terrier Rescue	nwairedalerescue.org
NBAR	New Beginnings Airedale Rescue	
ORVATC	Ohio River Valley Airedale Terrier Club	
OkAR	Oklahoma Airedale Rescue	okairedales.com
SCAR	Southern California Airedale Rescue	socalairedale.com/
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In our opinion, it is the duty of all Airedale lovers to respect and care for all Airedales and to either help or find help for any being neglected or mistreated. The ATCA Rescue & Adoption Committee maintains and updates a network of contacts across the country to aid in the re-homing of purebred Airedale Terriers who are lost or abandoned. These contacts are volunteers located in several states, as well as Canada, working to help Airedales in need, adopting them to permanent loving homes.

Enclosed is a donation of \$_____ to support expenses connected with the rescue & adoption of Airedale Terriers.
(Please make check payable to National Airedale Rescue, Inc.)

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Ms. Rusty LaFrance, Treas.

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Thank you!