



AIREDALE TERRIER CLUB OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA

AIRE WAVES

February 2009

FROM THE PRESIDENT – Brenda McCann

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I would like to thank everyone who has devoted his or her precious time and energy to the Airedale Terrier Club of Greater Philadelphia over the past year. As always, it is greatly appreciated.

Bill and Ann Kochler treated members to an afternoon in the country in their lovely home in December for the Annual Christmas Party and Chinese Auction. Thank you for your generosity.

The Nominating Committee has submitted their proposed slate for the officers and Board for 2009. Join us at our Annual Luncheon, March 15, 2009, for the installation of the new Officers and Board members.

On January 24, members represented our Club at the Lehigh Valley Kennel Club's 100th Canine Learning Experience in Allentown, PA. A big thank you goes out to all that gave their time and support during this event. Amanda and Walter Fraser outdid themselves this year on our ATCGP booth. Thank you for a job well done. Along with the Frasers were Stella "Fraser", Bill and Ann Kochler with "Foster", and rescue information by Mike and Serafina Lurski, whose help was greatly appreciated. Marie Chismar with Dugan from Rescue came out in support of our club.

If you have not renewed your membership, now is the time to do so. Second notices have been sent out. Deadline is March 15, 2009.

The ATCGP is keeping our secretary, Nancy Jayne Cook, in our prayers. She has been ill since Nov. We are sending her our best.

ATCGP 2009 CALENDAR

March 15, Sunday Annual Luncheon Ludwig's Inn & Oyster Bar, 1 PM. Flier to follow.

April 17, Friday Board Meeting at West Vincent Township Bldg., 7:30 PM.

May 8, Friday	Chester Valley Kennel Club Show. Supported Airedale Entry.
May 9, Saturday	CVKC show and our 23rd Annual Specialty Show & Sweepstakes.
May 15, Friday	Meeting at West Vincent Township Bldg., 7:30 PM.
June 19, Friday	Board Meeting at West Vincent Township Bldg., 7:30 PM.
July	No meeting
August 21, Friday	Board Meeting at West Vincent Township Bldg., 7:30 PM.
September 18, Friday	Meeting at West Vincent Township Bldg., 7:30 PM.
September 26, Saturday	AKC Match Show & Fun Day at Hibernia Park. Flier to follow..
October 18, Sunday	Board meeting at West Vincent Township Bldg., 1:30 PM.
November 15 Sunday	Meeting at West Vincent Township Bldg., 1:30 PM.
December 13, Sunday C	hristmas Party – to be announced.

SLATE OF CANDIDATES PREPARED BY THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Nominations for Officers & Board members 2009:

President – Brenda McCann	Board of Directors
Vice President – Karen Coffey	Adele Abe
Treasurer – Bill Kochler	Caroline Beard
Secretary – Barbara Vaughn	Richard Eyman
	Walter Fraser
	Jack McLaughlin

K-9 LEARNING EXPERIENCE

As in previous years, the club participated in the Lehigh Valley Kennel Club Canine Learning Experience on January 24 in Allentown. Thanks to the creativity of Amanda Fraser, and the carpentry skills of Walter Fraser, the club booth aptly presented this year’s theme: “Is this the right breed for you and your family?”

In addition to Amanda and Walter, Pres. Brenda McCann, V. Pres. Bill Kochler, and Mike and Serafina Lurski, from Airedale Rescue, ably manned the booth. “Foster” Kochler and “Stella” Fraser were also in attendance to provide a hands on experience for all the many visitors to our booth throughout the day. At day’s end, it was everyone’s consensus that our mission, to make the public aware of this wonderful breed, had been accomplished.

TITLE RECOGNITION

At this year's Annual Luncheon and Installation of Officers on March 15, we would like to recognize those members whose dog(s) have won titles in Confirmation, Obedience, Agility, Rally or Canine Good citizenship

Please supply this information with your dog's registered name to Bill Kochler.

2009 SWEEPSTAKES AND SPECIALTY

Please see the enclosed flier for details. Bill tells us that considerable help is needed the day of the show. Please let him know (tp: 610-827-7889) if you will be there and would like to help.

BRAGS

Valeria Rickard tells us that in very limited showing, Am. Can Ch Joval Arily Grand illusion finished the year as number 1 Airedale in Canada and number 7 in USA.

Samantha Curran has no brags but writes: "No news here, but I did hear from Keith Lovell in Australia that two of his youngsters from his Max litter are #1 and #2 Airedales in Australia. The boy, who took a Best In Show recently is CH Tjuringa's Romper Stomper. Isn't that a great name for a male Airedale?!"

"Also, Max has a litter in St. Petersburg, Russia. This was quite a feat as the frozen semen traveled (and was stored) in many places for many months before the insemination in Finland. Then Dr. Maria Bezukladova and her "Shu-Shu" (Inter. CH Soft-Air's Cher Cherie) traveled back to St. Petersburg, and nine weeks later Shu presented her with a litter of five: 3 boys and 2 girls. Thank goodness for progesterone testing! Shu is no slouch, and her full name is Inter. Rus, Bl, Ua, Mold, Est, Lat, Lit, Balt, Fin, Swe, Grand CH Ua Soft-Air Cher Cherie. Max is impressed! Dr. Maria has been an ATCA member since the early '90's, I think."

LITTERS

Valeria Rickard is the only club member with a litter that I am aware of. She has one male and 8 females born Jan. 30.

For other puppy information, contact Doris McLaughlin at 302-239-4904

DELAWARE VALLEY RESCUE by Mike Lurski

First, our deepest gratitude to the Club for including us at the recent annual Lehigh Valley Canine Learning Experience in Allentown. As you know, this year's event seemed to draw one of the biggest crowds in memory and all of us were able to speak to dozens of people about Airedales.

And, of course, Amanda's exceptional set-up was thoroughly informative and attracted many people. We also appreciated the usual graciousness shown to us by Bill and Brenda.

Second, adoptions have been going well. Six Airedales have found new homes recently. One female had been waiting for six months and is adapting very well to her new home and new Airedale buddies. Best of all, Trapper John has found a new home after a year-and-a-half wait. He is a beautiful, healthy, very friendly Airedale with a prosthetic right rear paw. One of our officers took him and Trapper John is also adapting well to his new family, which includes other canine friends.

At the present time, our census is unusually low. One Airedale must be an only dog (not friendly) and the other is a real Houdini, an excellent escape artist. However, there appears to be a tentative home for the latter. Apparently, the fence is very high!

We have been fortunate because there are still reports of many dogs being surrendered, or worse, because of the economy and foreclosures.

Finally, we received another five hundred pounds of donated dog food from Freshpet. Their generosity continues; excellent dog food and treats.

MEMORIALS

ON Dec. 29, 2008, Jack & Doris McLaughlin sent their loved Lana - Ch. Altena Amethyst Amulet_ over the Rainbow bridge to relieve her of her pain. She was 15 yrs, 2 months old and had been ailing with an arthritic back end for about a year, which suddenly worsened. I'm sure she found her boy, Bentley, and they are running the heavenly fields together.

On, January 7, 2009, "Bentley" McCann (Altena Chaos on the Move) crossed the Rainbow Bridge. He is forever deeply missed by his family. He was so beautiful with a superior disposition and a personality you had to love.. Bentley was bred by Jack & Doris McLaughlin and was the son of Ch Robaire Trouble on the Loose and Ch Altena Amethyst Amulet. I'm sure Bentley found his Mom waiting for him and they are running the heavenly fields together.

Monty, who was adopted by Mr. Robert E. Lee, has died. He was a partner to a female—they were known as Jack and Jill when they were found and rescued. This duo was well known by newspaper articles. Jill became Libby and passed away last July and her partner only lasted six months after her. Maybe they are running and playing together in heaven.

Other friends have lost their family members: Charlene Johnson in Conn. lost her handsome Zach to Lyme Disease, and Joey Fineran lost her beloved BB.

Our hearts go out to all the owners--our thoughts are with you.

TO STOP DOG BITES, CHEW ON THIS ADVICE
BY DEBORAH WOOD, THE OREGONIAN

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Serious injury from dog bites is rare. One book points out that more people are seriously harmed by choking on balloons, tripping in bedroom slippers or being struck by lightning than from dog bites.

Still, you should be sensible cautious—especially if you happen to have a small dog.

The safest response to an aggressive dog is to remain still. (Schools teach kids to “be a tree.”) Avoid eye contact and be silent. If a dog attacks, roll into a ball (be a rock).

Running, yelling, direct eye contact and moving your arms are all likely to make things more dangerous.

It is also vital for you to teach your small dog not to bark at big ones. It is a common problem in smaller breeds. You might think of your small barking dog as acting like a big dog, but his verbal taunts are far more likely to make another dog aggressive.

While dogs kill few people, it’s a frightening possibility for small dogs. Teach your dog to focus on you, not on other dogs, on your walks

And if you’re considering arming yourself against dogs with Mace or pepper spray, reconsider. Those sprays probably cause more harm than good, said Reed Coleman, spokeswoman for the Dove Lewis Emergency Animal Hospital in Portland. “Will it stop a dog? That’s tough to say. It depends on the animal and the aim,” Coleman said.

Although most dogs won’t be seriously harmed, some can be seriously allergic. She also points out that, if you start spraying, you and your dogs are likely to be sprayed as well.

One alternative is a product called Direct Stop, available at many pet supply stores. It’s a harmless but fairly powerful citrus spray.

The bottom line: Keep your route away from dogs that aren’t under control. Avoid confrontation. Make sure your dog isn’t part of the problem.

FYI

HB 39 has been pushed thru the House by a vote of 192-0 and now is in the Senate. It is supposed to be voted on this week. The bill is labeled an anti-cruelty bill but is really a disenfranchisement of dog owners. It will most likely be an end to dog shows and eliminate rescue groups in PA as it will be a crime to possess a dog with cropped ears or docked tail within the state. It covers much more than this.. Your state senator needs to hear your feelings regarding this bill (SB139). For complete details, you can access an archive that details the bill at:

<http://eaglerock814.proboards107.com/index.cgi?action=display&board=general&thread=24>

Barbara Vaughn & Jack McLaughlin