



AIREDALE TERRIER CLUB OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA

A I R E W A V E S

July 2007

FROM THE PRESIDENT – Brenda McCann

On March 25, 2007, Ludwig's Inn & Oyster Bar was the location of the Club's Annual Luncheon Meeting. Members had the pleasure of listening to Benjamin (Ben) McCarthy and Adele Abe talk about the "History of the Airedale". The program was very interesting with lots of visual aids. Installation of the new officers and board members also took place at the luncheon. I would like to thank Nancy Cook, Amanda Fraser, and Walter Fraser for all of the wonderful center pieces for the tables, the display of photos from past Club events, and I'm sure all of our Airedales loved the Airedale-shaped treats that were made from scratch by Nancy, Amanda, and Walter.

In April, members enjoyed a spring hike at Valley Forge National Park followed by a picnic next to the visitors' Center. There were about a dozen members and 16 dogs participating.

Beautiful weather was the background for our 21st Annual Specialty Show & Sweepstakes, which took place at Ludwig's Corner, PA., on Saturday, May 12, 2007, in conjunction with Chester Valley Kennel Club's All Breed Show. The Club hosted a tailgate party after the judging, which was a big success. The Ways and Means Committee had put a fantastic raffle basket together. Thanks again to all who came to this event and helped make it another success.

In June, Birchrn Kennels was the location of this year's summer picnic along with a short meeting. The Club approved three new memberships. Everyone enjoyed all the wonderful food that Club members brought. Once again, it was a great time.

We will not have a meeting in the month of July; we will have a meeting Friday, August 17, 2007. Reminder notices will go out before the meeting. Please make plans to attend.

Start conditioning your young Airedales for September. The Club is holding its Annual Match Show & Fun Day on Saturday, September 22, 2007 at Hibernia Park. Plan to come out and support the Club; it is a great way to prepare your Airedale for the upcoming fall shows. Remember Montgomery Weekend is just around the corner.

Until next time, take care and enjoy the rest of your summer.

CALENDAR for Balance of 2007

August 17, 2007	7:30 PM	Board Meeting. Location TBA.
Sept. 22, 2007	9 AM	AKC Match Show and Fun Day at Hibernia Park. Flyer to follow.
Oct. 19, 2007	7:30 PM	Board Meeting. Location TBA.
Nov. 10, 2007	TBA	Fall hike & brief meeting. Location TBA.

Dec. 16, 2007

TBA

Christmas Party. Flyer to follow.

BRAGS

"Mako" - Ch. Top Step Flash Act won BOB at the Bryn Mawr KC show on Friday, June 15, 2007. Mako is owned by Leslie Apple.

Top Step Altena Abrakadabra earned his first 3 pts from the 9-12 m.o. puppy class at Northeastern Maryland KC, Upper Marlboro KC and National Capital KC shows all at Howard Co. Fairgrounds on July 6, 7 & 8. Tommy is owned by Caroline Beard and was bred by C. J. McLaughlin and Amanda Cook..

LITTERS

Val Rickard, 703-754-1922, has a 3 m.o. male and a 10 m.o. female available.

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

MEET THE MEMBERS - by Nancy Jane Cook

BRENDA MCCANN

Early in her marriage, Brenda and her husband Raymond became entranced by an Airedale puppy in a pet store. Even behind bars, Airedales have a way of capturing one's heart. Week after week, they went back to that store and finally surrendered to the puppy's charm. He had to have charm because from the moment L.H. crossed their threshold, he systematically set about to destroy their house. Just think what he could have done with a saw and sledge hammer! But alas, Airedales don't have thumbs!

Brenda is now serving her 4th term as President of the ATCGP. That same determination and dedication she showed with her first Airedale has been shown in her quiet and effective leadership. She travels to meetings and events from her home in Birdsboro where she resides with her husband of 22 years, sons, and two Airedales: Bentley, a large old gentleman, and Miles, a champion and discriminating judge of both humans and other dogs. Both Bentley and Miles were bred by Jack & Doris McLaughlin.

With her dedication to Airedales and the Club, one can only marvel that Brenda has time in her life for family as well as a full-time job.

ANN AND BILL KOCHLER

I recently received a call from Florida with a question about Montgomery weekend. I answered as best I could and told the woman if she had further questions to call Bill Kochler and offered the phone number. "Oh, no," she said, I've got his number. I know Bill." That sums it up! Bill and Ann know everyone and everyone knows Bill and Ann. Could the ATCGP have better Airedale ambassadors?

Bill is currently Vice President and Ann, Treasurer, of the ATCGP. They have been devoted to the Club and Airedales for "a very long time" and serve as the chairmen of the Show Committee and Hospitality Committee. The Kochlers, married for 49 years, reside on Green Lane Rd. in Malvern with Gracie, champion and definitely a grand duchess in the Airedale world (after all her picture is the only Airedale displayed among those of Fox Terriers at Colechester Kennel) and Nancy, a Cairn Terrier. Perhaps Nancy is really an Airedale in a Cairn body!

As a testament of their dedication to the Club and the breed, each year the Kochler's host the annual Christmas party at their home on Green Lane Rd. Club members enjoy friends, stories, good food, and the Kochler's wonderful hospitality as well as the possibility of watching a herd of deer graze beyond their fenced-in yard.

CHESTER VALLEY SHOW AND TAILGATE PARTY

The sun shone brightly and there was a slight breeze on Saturday, May 12, at the Chester Valley Show where Airedales showed in Ring 1 for judges Robert Butterfield and Robert Naun. After the excitement, the ATCGP hosted a luncheon for all Airedale exhibitors, handlers, and families.

There was a buzz of activity: grooming, prancing Airedales, barking Airedales, and people chatting with old friends and meeting new ones. The luncheon tables were heavy laden with good food provided by Club members: a variety of sandwiches & wraps,, pasta salads, potato salad, baked beans, meatballs, fresh fruit, chips and dip and a beautiful cake bearing the Club logo on top.

After lunch, President Brenda McCann drew the winning ticket, read the number and a very surprised Barbara Vaughn had the winning number for the huge laundry basket of good things. (See pictures on last page.) Two other items were offered by club members for the raffle: a leather collar and lead by April Clyde and a small framed Airedale cross stitch by Nancy Cook.

CHESTER VALLY SHOW RESULTS

FRIDAY MAY 11, 2007 SUPPORTED ENTRY

Judge: Thomas Parrotti

Best of Breed: Ch.Victorianne Marceau. Owner: Heather & Mark Boschen & Anne Curtis

Best of Winners: Bajanaire Fernbird Raging Bull. Owner: Linda & John Leonardi

Best of Opposite Sex: Tierra Del Caray Caray. Owner Ernesto Lara

Winners Dog: Bajanaire Marceau. Owner Linda & John Leonardi

Winners Bitch: Tierra Del Caray Caray. Owner: Ernesto Lara

SATURDAY, MAY 12TH SWEEPSTAKES

Judge: Robert Butterfield

Best Puppy: Joval Cast a Golden Shadow. Owner: Dr. Valeria & John Rickard

Best Junior: Victorianne Cogsworth. Owner: Anne Curtis & Sydney Lemen.

Best in Sweeps: Victorianne Cogsworth, Owner: Anne Curtis & Sydney Lemen

REGULAR CLASSES

Judge: Robert Naun

Best of Breed: Ch. Victorianne Marceau. Owner: Heather & Mark Boschen & Anne Curtis

Best of Winners: Victorianne Scoshire Apollo. Owner: Thornton Jenness

Best of Opposite Sex: Victorianne Top Link. Owner: Anne Curtis & Sara Hickman

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COMMITTEES 2007

Following are the committees appointed by President McCann that will function for the current year. Anyone wishing to volunteer to help with these committees should contact Brenda or the committee chair.

Show Chair/Grounds:	Bill Kochler-Chair Leslie Apple – Co-Chair Jack McLaughlin Walter Fraser Richard Eyman	Ways & Means:	Judy Mullikin Ann Kochler-Chair Barbara Vaughn Brenda McCann Adele Abe
Delegate to PFDC:	Bill Kochler Ann Kochler	Rescue:	Walter Fraser - Chair
Alt. Delegate to PFDC:	Leslie Apple Barbara Vaughn	Hospitality:	Ann Kochler-Chair Amanda Fraser Nancy Cook Karen Coffey-Lefer
Trophies:	Bill Kochler-Chair Amanda Fraser – Co-Chair		

Newsletter:	Barbara Vaughn-Chair Jack McLaughlin Leslie Apple	Match Show:	Amanda Fraser - Chair Leslie Apple
Memberships:	Doris McLaughlin Jack McLaughlin	Historian:	Adele Abe-Chair Brenda McCann
Airedale Information:	Doris McLaughlin-Chair	Programs:	Adele Abe-Chair

DELAWARE VALLEY RESCUE BY MIKE LURSKI

2007 has been an unusually busy year for Airedale Rescue and Adoption of the Delaware Valley, just as it has been for all Airedale rescue groups nationwide. Eighteen lucky rescued Airedales have been adopted, six are currently waiting for new homes, with the potential for another five soon beginning the rescue/adoption process. Boarding rates have increased this year because of the large number of rescues and the dearth of foster homes, making it necessary to board most dogs. STARTING OVER, the outstanding semiannual newsletter of the Delaware Valley organization, will be distributed very soon and is full of information, stories, and letters (from both Airedale adopters and rescued Airedales). We urge everyone to read this newsletter over a large cup of coffee. It will increase your appreciation of Rescue's efforts, the people who adopt, and especially the resilience and character of Airedales that often have been neglected or mistreated.

As usual, Rescue is involved in various fundraisers, one of which will take place at the ATCGP's Match & Fun Day in September.

Anyone with information about an Airedale to be rescued or potential adopters is asked to contact Joey Fineran at 610-294-8028 or Airedale@epix.net.

On a personal note, the Lurskis' two adopted Airedales, five-year-old Duffy and four-year-old Toby, continue to love, humor, and surprise us. However, they and we were very glad to see July 4th pass. Weeklong fireworks and thunderstorms made for a very stressful time. Walks and backyard visits were largely curtailed as the two spent much time behind sofas, under beds, and next to us.

FIRST AID

Former member, Helen Rose, forwarded me an article about a novel treatment for bee stings. It was a long testimonial but here it is in a nutshell. Seems a woman was working in her garden and got stung. She used a "cream" and an antihistamine and on the following morning it was swollen, painful and infected. She went to a doctor who gave her an antibiotic and told her that the next time she got stung to apply a penny to the sting for about 15 minutes. She, subsequently, had the opportunity to try in on several people and as well as herself. She says the discomfort disappeared in the 15 minute time prescribed, and the next morning, the sting was all but invisible.

Easy and you always have a penny. If you ever have the need, give it a try! It might just work!

MORE FIRST AID Provided by Adele Abe

From Penn Treaty News. by vet Linda A Rosen, DVM

For dogs afraid of thunder, fireworks, etc., we are now able to buy over the counter melatonin (helps regulate circadian rhythms) not for pregnant dogs or puppies--not enough info yet) 3 mg for average dog, 1.5 mg under 25 lbs., as much as 6 mg for dogs over 100 lbs. You can give as much as 3 times/day.

FIRST AID KITS

Contents for a good canine first aid kit can be found at: <http://www.greaytdogs.com/firstaid.html>

LEGISLATION

Pedigree/Nutro, owned by Mars/Masterfoods, finally admits support for AB 1634 (Nutro was bought by Pedigree a few weeks ago), the current animal rights bill in California. The pet owners/breeders are in a major fight against a proposed law to eliminate almost all breeding in a step toward eventually eliminating our right to own pets. If nothing else, we can boycott all products manufactured & sold by Mars/Masterfoods to show our displeasure so that they will withdraw their support for AB 1634 (CA) You would think that Nutro has enough problems with their food from China.

Up to the minute good news! The animal rights bill AB 1634 has been withdrawn, at least until January, 2008. Don't let your guard down, PETA & HSUS will try again. There is also a bill in process in Pennsylvania backed by the governor that has many of the same ills that the CA bill had and has several of the animal rights people on his advisory committee, hence the similar content. I understand there is also a similar bill in process in NJ at this time. For the real objectives of PETA, check the exposé at <http://www.petakillsanimals.com/petaKillsAnimals.cfm> It is worth the time and effort.

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Photos courtesy of Amanda & Walt Fraser
Edited by: Barbara Vaughn, Jack McLaughlin & Leslie Apple



Socializing after the specialty. L-R: Judy Mullikin and daughter, Kiki; Adele Abe; Karen Coffey-Lefer and daughter, Collette; professional handler, Margery Good; & former member, Norman Baker.



The Raffle Basket won by Barbara Vaughn.

The Streibeigh Trophy