



AIREDALE TERRIER CLUB OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA

AI R E W A V E S

August 2009

FROM THE PRESIDENT – Brenda McCann

On a sad note, the Club has lost two of its devoted members this spring. We will miss our dear warm-hearted friend, Nancy Jayne Cook, who passed away early this spring. Nancy was a great asset to the Club. She was the Club Secretary for three years, a breeder of champion Airedales, great crafter who handcrafted many beautiful items for the Club's raffle tables, and a friend to us all. We also endured the passing of a founding member, Benjamin McCarthy; most members remember Ben as a President of the Club and his presentations during some of our annual dinners. Ben loved to talk about his Airedales past and present.

March 15, 2009, was the date of a very entertaining annual luncheon held at the Ludwig's Oyster Bar in Glenmore, PA. We had the induction of Officers and Board Members for 2009. Then we enjoyed a lovely lunch. After that, Adele Abe treated the Club to a very interesting program about the history of the Airedale. Adele brought lots of visual aids that were circulated among members during her program; she also introduced longtime Club member, Ed Panko, as a guest speaker. On Friday, May 8, we had our supported Airedale entry in conjunction with the Chester Valley Kennel Club. On Saturday, May 9, we held our 23rd Annual Specialty & Sweepstakes with tailgate party (in conjunction with the Chester Valley Kennel Club) at the Ludwig's Corner show grounds. I want to thank everyone who volunteered to make this day special and successful.

Our June picnic was held at Birchrun Kennels on a beautiful summer day. All attendees enjoyed good food, good friends, and a good time. Thank you, Adele Abe, for letting the Club use your lovely home.

Fall is around the corner, meaning it's time to prepare for the fall activities - starting with our August meeting, which will be held on Friday, Aug. 21, at 7:30 pm at the West Vincent Township Building. Then our Annual Match Show and Fun Day will be held on Sept. 26 at Hibernia Park. Check the Club Calendar for meetings and activity times.

OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2009

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

CALENDAR

Aug. 21, Friday	Board Meeting at West Vincent Township Bldg., 7:30 PM.
Sept. 18, Friday	Meeting at West Vincent Township Bldg., 7:30 PM.
Sept. 26, Saturday	AKC Match Show & Fun Day at Hibernia Park. Flier to follow.
Oct. 4, Sunday	Montgomery County KC Show & Airedale National Specialty.
Oct. 18, Sunday	Board meeting at West Vincent Township Bldg., 1:30 PM.
Nov. 15, Sunday	Meeting at West Vincent Township Bldg., 1:30 PM.
Dec. 13, Sunday	Christmas Party – to be announced.

ATCGP JUNE PICNIC

Eleven members and guests gathered at Adele Abe's Three Springs Farm on June 28 for our Club's annual summer picnic.

In addition to the good weather, everyone enjoyed the food and beverages, as well as lots of pleasant conversation.

2009 SWEEPSTAKES AND SPECIALTY

Sweepstakes – Judge Elizabeth Mattison

BISW - Victorianne Spar-King Aurora. Owners: Magdalena Joblon, Anne Curtis & Jamie Koskowski.

BPSW - Raynaire V. Crescent's Firestorm. Owners: Charlene Johnson & Karen Coffey.

BJSW - Victorianne Spar-King Aurora.

Specialty – Judge Karen Wilson

BOB - Ch. Stirling Cool Hand Luke. Owners: Torie Steel & Frank Pulice.

WD & BW - Victorianne Crimson Sentry. Owners: Maureen Cino, Anne Curtis & Jamie Koskowski.

WB & BOS - Joval Secrets of the Mind. Owners: Dr. Valeria Rickard & John Rickard.

RWD - Raynaire V. Crescent's Firestorm.

RWB - Stirling Vanity. Owners: Dr. Shirley Good & Susan Rodgers.

IN MEMORIAM

Our club has been hit by the loss of two longtime and valued members.

Ben McCarthy (1921-2009)

Bruce (Ch. Fellow Zephyr) was a litter brother of Joey (and Bill) Fineran's foundation bitch, Lena. Not his first owner, Ben took him in, gave him a home, and, encouraged by Barbara Strebeigh, had Adele Abe groom and show him to his championship (finished with majors under four esteemed judges). By now, Ben had the bug and bought Birchrun Molly Malone, by Ch. Bengal Sabu out of Adele's Starlight Forever Amber, and, later, English import, Bengal Maharani. Both were shown by Adele through their championships. In the '80s, Ch. Schaire's Jonathan Hart, bred by Joey and Bill Fineran, was the McCarthy house dog. After him, Ben opened his heart and home to rescue dogs, one at a time. In the '70s, he served on the board of the ATCA and with his first wife, Josephine, hosted several Montgomery dinner parties in their beautiful, old (historic) Lancaster County home. Ben was one of the founding members of the Airedale Terrier Club of Greater Philadelphia, serving as president and was active on the board for years. Ben was a member of the prestigious Montgomery County Kennel Club, but the honor that he likely most appreciated was the Barbara Strebeigh Award - presented to individuals for outstanding service to the Airedale Terrier breed. His true hobby was collecting Airedale art (the good stuff). Ben was the go-to guy for many of us when we needed answers to questions of the value of a given piece. Bit by bit his own enviable collection was donated to benefit the ATCA and Airedale Rescue. In recent years, he would drop everything to go pick up an Airedale from anybody or any shelter, within a hundred miles. His last Airedale, Rosie, was with him in the house when he was taken to the hospital for the last time. Rosie is back in rescue now, missing him as much as we all will.

By Joey Fineran and Adele Abe.

We just finished reading Ben McCarthy's obituary and both feel that we would like to add a few words about a gentleman who is a legend among Airedale people.

Our main contacts with him came at the annual spring luncheons of the Airedale Terrier Club of Greater Philadelphia, to which we belong in order to represent our rescue group. Very gentlemanly in appearance and behavior, Ben usually shared stories of the "old" Airedale days as well as his wide and deep knowledge of our breed. He was kind enough to converse privately with the two of us, two Airedale neophytes, on several occasions. It was a pleasure and education to listen to him. Mike's favorite comment from Ben is the last thing Ben ever said to him. When everyone was departing after our recent spring luncheon, Ben, leaning on his Irish walking stick,

told him, "Goodbye, young man." This is not something a sixty-four-year-old is used to hearing. Even the little we got to know about Ben made us realize that he was very special.

By Mike and Serafina Lurski.

Nancy Jayne Hilty Cook

On April 7, 2009, Nancy Jayne Hilty Cook passed away after a short bout with cancer. Many of you know her from her devotion to the Airedale, but I would like to share a few things with you about this remarkable woman. I am sure that you will remember the following in her as I do.

My mother valued laughter. She taught me that it is better to laugh than to cry and it is a mantra I have carried with me my entire life. And I am certain that somewhere she is laughing right now with us.

She valued music. Everyday was filled with music in my house. My mother was an accomplished classical pianist, and her piano was one of her most valued possessions. We often woke to her practicing her scales and went to sleep at night to the Moonlight Sonata.

She valued education. My mother was a voracious reader and I spent my life surrounded by books. "Money spent on books," she would say, "is never wasted." She taught me to never stop learning, that life was too short not to learn as much as I could about everything I could, and that there was nothing I could not achieve if I worked hard enough. My love of knowledge is her greatest legacy.

She valued strength. My mother raised me to stand for what I believed in and never bend when fighting for what I believed was right and just. Strength of character – Strength of mind!

She valued love and friendship. My mother was devoted to her family and to its traditions and to the bonds that held us all together. This love not only included the bipeds but also her four-legged children. I cannot remember a time, place, memory, or a picture that did not include one of our beloved dogs. Nothing was or is ever spared when it comes to their health and happiness.

Most notable was my mother's love of terriers, the Airedale - king of the terriers above all. An avid dog enthusiast, she was an active member of the Airedale Terrier Club of Greater Philadelphia and served as Secretary of that organization for the past several years. There was always a smile on my mother's face when she was creating another one of her "Airedale" crafts to share with the other club members or with Rescue. No one loved to throw a party more than my mother and she brought that enthusiasm with her when preparing for ATCGP events from our Specialty to our club meetings. Nothing brought her more joy and satisfaction than to partake in not one but two litters of this precious and incredible animal. She was incredibly proud of our Emma and her babies and the fact that all 20 of them found safe and loving homes. My mother was not shameful of her devotion to the Airedale. Much the opposite, she spoke of them often to anyone, spreading the word of what she thought was the most marvelous and magnificent dog.

She was predeceased by her son, Judson Elliott Cook, and her husband, Lt. Col. A. Kenneth Cook, and is survived by her daughters, Jaymi Helen Cook and Amanda Cook Fraser, her son-in-law, Walter Fraser, her beloved Airedales, Bubba, Emma, Rocky, Huck and Stella.

By Amanda Cook-Fraser.

Other memorials

Jack and Doris McLaughlin lost Peri (Ch. Altena Crystal Ball) as a consequence of lymphoma at 10.5 yrs. of age on June 29. She joined her mother, Lana, and brother, Bentley, at the Rainbow Bridge.

Diana and Dolores Downey lost their beloved Schotzie at 14 yrs. of age on Aug. 10. Schotzie was obtained from Caroline Beard and was one of three surviving members of that litter at the time of her death.

AMERICAN AIREDALE ADVERTISING MANAGER

Club member, Leslie Apple, will be the new Advertising Manager for The American Airedale starting with the July-September issue. In addition, Leslie is also joining the ATCA's 2010 Yearbook staff where she will be also be working on the advertising.

BRAGS

From Samantha Curran: Here's our Max's (Ch. Evermay's High Performance) brag: Max came out of retirement for one day at the ATCA Floating Specialty in April and won the Airedale Bowl for the sixth time. He was so thrilled being back in the ring that Jenny (his handler) had a hard time getting the lead over his head and keeping him from dancing off the grooming table.

We're proud to report that Max's son, Joker, Ch. Longvue Joker of Saredon, bred by April and Todd Clyde, is #1 Airedale in England. Keith Lovell in Australia is campaigning four Max youngsters, and two of them, including Ch. Tjuringa's Romper Stomper (great name for an Airedale!) are #1 and #2 Airedales currently. Max also has a promising litter in St. Petersburg, Russia, and a new litter in Holland. We were quite surprised when the breeder of that litter traveled with his bitch all the way from Amsterdam to Central California to breed to Max. Our two Dutch friends took advantage of the trip to tour some of the wonderful cities and vineyards in S. California and attended the Ventura show weekend.

Max's half-brother, "Jackson," Ch. Evermay's Instigator, owned by Devon Allen, is busy winning Group placements in California. His first litter, bred by Valeria and John Rickard, produced "Mason," Ch. Joval Cast A Golden Shadow, who is currently the #1 Airedale in Sweden and was #1 in 2008.

LITTERS There are no local litters that we are aware of.
For other puppy information, contact Doris McLaughlin at 302-239-4904.

DELAWARE VALLEY RESCUE by Mike Lurski

The first half of 2009 saw 23 rescued Airedales adopted. 10 are currently awaiting adoption, with several probably going to potential adopters very soon. Some are difficult to place, because they are "must-be-only-dogs", those that can't be trusted around other dogs.

Great news! Trapper John, the Airedale with a prosthetic because of a missing rear foot, was finally placed and is thriving in the home of our treasurer, Dewey Yesner.

Other than dog rescues and adoptions, the highlight of 2009 was our first AIRE FAIRE, held June 14th at President Joey Fineran's home. This social event was meant to bring together Rescue volunteers, adopters, other Airedale owners, and Airedales. Over 100 adults and 45 Airedales, virtually all rescues, attended. Great eats and continuous sharing of Airedale stories and anecdotes filled the Faire's three hours. A group picture, taken with an extra wide lens, the drawing for the sculptured Airedale head, and shopping at Rescue's new store, Blooming'Dales, were other fun activities.

Despite a rainy week, the sun shone on the 14th, helping to make it a very successful day. It was a long overdue opportunity for so many involved with Airedale Rescue, actively or as recipients of our wonderful rescues, to meet, converse, and share the happiness of so many dogs and their owners.

Freshpet, the Quakertown-based dog food company, has donated over 1,200 lbs. of their high quality food this year. The Freshpet web site describes all their nutritious products and lists the stores that carry them.

Anyone with information about an Airedale to be rescued or potential adopters--which are always needed--is asked to contact Joey Fineran at 610-294-8028 or Airedale@epix.net. If anyone comes across an ad publicizing a free Airedale, please get the dog quickly and notify Joey so we can save him/her from a usually negative fate.

Finally, Airedale Rescue joins ATCGP in mourning the passing of two of its members, Nancy Cook and Ben McCarthy, both of whom were especially supportive of our efforts to rescue and find loving homes for unfortunate Airedales. Their Airedale wisdom and big hearts will be missed.

ITEM OF INTEREST FROM THE PFDC

FOSTER HELP AVAILABLE FOR MILITARY PETS: Rather than surrender their pets, deployed or transferred military personnel can contact the Military Pets Foster Project (<http://www.netpets.org/netp/foster.php>) for foster homes till their return. A network of foster care is available in the US, Canada & Europe. Contact: www.netpets.org 843-249-5262, P.O. Box 563, Myrtle Beach, SC.

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