



AIREDALE TERRIER CLUB OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA

AI R E W A V E S

November 2010

FROM THE PRESIDENT – Bill Kochler

I trust that you and your Airedales survived the long hot summer and are looking forward, as I am, to a pleasant seasonable autumn. A reminder that as we “fall back” to Standard Time on November 7 we revert to our Sunday meeting schedule.

I want to thank Show Chair Leslie Apple, and everyone who helped make our Match Show and Fun Day a success.

Looking forward to seeing you at our Airedale hike in Valley Forge Park on November 13 for which details will be forthcoming.

ATCGP 2010 CALENDAR

November Saturday, 13th - 10:30 AM Hike at Valley Forge Park
December Sunday 12 - Christmas Party - At the Kochler's

MATCH SHOW AND FUN DAY

Our annual Breed Match Show and Fun Day was held on September 25 at Hibernia County Park.

Our judge was Mrs. Diane Hancock of the Mid-Jersey Airedale Terrier Club who was presented with an entry of fifteen puppies, adults, and veterans. Her selections are as follows:

Best Puppy: “Delilah” owned by Charlene Johnson and Karen Coffey

Best Adult: “Ruby” owned by Karen Coffey

Best Veteran: “Terry” owned by Adele Abe

Best in Match: “Delilah” owned by Charlene Johnson

After a picnic lunch, fun events were held for Best Clipped, Best Ungroomed, Musical Chairs, Airedale Bowling, and Hula Hoop competition; followed by a Parade of Rescue Airedales.

Two entrants availed themselves of the AKC Canine Good Citizen Testing Program administered by AKC Certified Instructor Jennifer McElya. Club member Brenda McCann's "Louise" successfully passed the test and was duly certified.

CANINE LEARNING EXPERIENCE

The Club will again participate with a booth at the Lehigh Valley Kennel Club's Canine Learning Experience on January 29, 2011. This year's theme is Back to the Beginning (origin, history, bred for.)

We are looking for members to help design an appropriate booth to convey this theme. Contact Bill Kochler or Leslie Apple.

LITTERS

No club members with any.

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

BRAGS

Troy - CRESCENT'S V RAYNAIRE EYE OF THE STORM

By Crescent's Best Of Both Worlds - Crescent Birchrun ZsaZsa Gabor.

Owner: Brenda L McCann, Birdsboro, PA 19508. Breeder: Karen J Coffey

- 1st Sept 12, 2010 West Chester Kennel Club Sweeps, Puppy 9 - 12 Mos. Dogs
- 2nd Sept 26, 2010 Valley Forge Kennel Club Puppy 9 - 12 Mos. Dogs.
- 1st Oct 8, 2010 Hatboro Dog Club, Inc 12 & Under 18 Months Dogs.
- 1st Oct 10, 2010 Montgomery County Kennel Club Sweepstakes, Junior, 12 & Under 15 Months Dogs.
- 1st Oct 10, 2010 Montgomery County Kennel Club 12 & Under 18 Months Dogs. *****

Louise – CRESCENT'S SECRET WEAPON

By CH Crescent's American Chopper – Crescent Birchrun ZsaZsa Gabor

Owner: Brenda L McCann, Birdsboro, PA 19508. Breeder: Karen J Coffey

Qualified - Canine Good Citizens Test Sept 25, 2010 Airedale Terrier Club of Greater Philadelphia -

AIREDALE RESCUE AND ADOPTION OF THE DELAWARE VALLEY Mike Lurski

Rescue activity has certainly picked up. Three of six mixed Airedale puppies (Mom is an Airedale) have been adopted. Still waiting is quite a mixture: a ten-month old female; a three-year-old male; a five-year-old female; a six-year-old female who unfortunately is not compatible with cats or young children; a six-year-old large male; another six-year-old male who is a very large sweetheart; a seven-year-old male who gets along well with cats and other dogs; and a ten-year-old male who was chained outside for almost his entire life but is very affectionate and, not surprisingly, does not like to be outside.

Despite fewer entries and fewer shoppers, the Rescue Bazaar at Montgomery did well. Over two thousand dollars was raised, which will be very helpful considering the increased population as listed above. Adele Abe was also a sweetheart as she provided her newly purchased van so that fundraising items could be transported from Joey Fineran's "storage" garage to Montgomery.

Please refer anyone you know who might consider adopting a rescued and very grateful Airedale to Airedale Rescue.

Mike Lurski

CGC TESTING - Mary Lukaszewski

A few weeks ago I finished teaching a six-week Canine Good Citizen course. I was a bit overwhelmed the first week when 22 people showed up with their dogs to take the class but we managed to graduate most of them with the help of two assistant trainers. There is already a sizeable waiting list for the next CGC class which begins in two weeks.

For those of you who have never taken an obedience class of any type, the Canine Good Citizen program is different from the traditional AKC obedience class. The CGC course was developed mainly for people who want to have obedient and socialized dogs but do not intend to do any serious competition. It is a program that teaches YOU how to train your dog and, in the process, the dog is socialized during the class. This is what the program goals were meant to be; how well this is accomplished depends on the expertise of the trainer. The obedience elements are the basic, "sit, stay, down, heel and come" commands, all necessary for a well-behaved dog. You are encouraged to praise your dog and continually communicate with it to help maintain its focus. It is ok to give treats. No military precision is necessary to complete and pass the course. Before you pay to attend a class, you should visit an in-process class to see that the dogs are being trained to your liking. Observe and ask questions.

CGC class is NOT the place for dogs with bad temperaments or for dogs with habits that need to be changed by professional dog trainers. It should be FUN for all participants, dogs and humans alike. On the last night of our recent course, one owner brought in pup cakes for all the dog students, and people-cupcakes for the handlers. As the young, pup cake baker said, "We always had a party on the last day when I went to school."

Why should you be interested in attending a CGC class? You may have owned dogs for years without the dogs ever getting or needing any formal training. Well, the times are changing. There are now real reasons to get your dog into a formal training class. A few of them are:

- * Insurance companies now require that dogs of certain breeds have passed a CGC test before they will give you homeowners insurance. The list of breeds and insurance companies employing this restriction grows longer every year.
- * Some major hospitals now allow dogs to visit patients while they are hospitalized. But most hospitals (I'm not talking about nursing homes) will forbid you to bring a dog into their facility if you don't have proof that your dog has passed a CGC test.
- * Communities that have dog parks, and some state parks, are beginning to require that dogs entering their grounds have passed CGC tests. In some areas, a CGC tag is required by both city and county parks. With the many lawsuits filed over practically nothing, city and state governments feel safer knowing that dogs on their land are being handled by responsible dog owners.
- * The CGC dog owners are a friendly group. Not only does the course give your dog a chance to interact with other dogs; it gives you a chance to meet new friends that have a common interest. Many owners have gone on to join dog clubs or to do volunteer work with their dogs.
- * 40 state legislatures have passed resolutions endorsing the CGC program which clearly demonstrates that this program has found acceptance as the nationwide basic obedience program and a flag for responsible dog ownership.

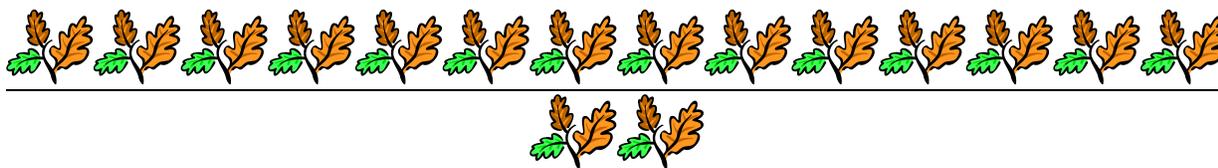
The CGC class should bring you closer to your dog; the experience will teach you to work together and to have mutual respect for each other. Again, this course was designed for companion dogs, although many show dogs have finished the program to earn letters after their name and many of the CGC graduates have gone on to therapy work or later to compete in AKC Rally.

There is information on the CGC program on the American Kennel Club website, www.akc.org. Most veterinarians have a list of local clubs offering CGC courses.

Give your dog an opportunity to display a CGC certificate on your wall. You will be proud of what you have both achieved.

BOOK REVIEW – Barbara Vaughn

Certain Poor Shepherds: a Christmas Tale by Elizabeth Marshall Thomas (one of my favorite books) about a wise goat named Ima and a huge warrior sheepdog, Lila. They are on a mountain guarding a herd of sheep when the star appears. She retells the Nativity with two sheepdogs and a goat. The hardback is out of print. You may be able to get it in paperback, but should be able to get it from your library. She usually writes nonfiction such as Hidden Life of Dogs, Social Life of Dogs, The Old Way; fiction books are Tribe of Tiger and Reindeer Moon. I have bought copies as gifts. Great for animal lovers.



The Airedale Terrier Club of Greater Philadelphia

Annual Fall Hike

When: November 13, 2010

Where: Valley Forge National Park
(Weather Permitting)

Members will meet at 10:30 am in the Welcome Center Parking Lot.
Adjacent to the Welcome Center
1400 North Outer Line Drive (Rt. 23)

Please remember the Park requires that all Dogs must be on a lead at all times.
Bring bowls and water as well as your own picnic lunch and beverage. Picnic Tables and Restrooms are located along the hiking trails.

Bring you Airedale(s), Family, and Friends for a wonderful hike in scenic, historic Valley Forge Park.

For more information – Bill Kochler, President at (610) 827-7889

Directions

From East or West: Valley Forge Park can be accessed from the Route 23 exit of US Route 422 East or West.

From North or South: Take US Route 202 North or South to the Route 422 West exit. Follow Route 422 to the Route 23/Valley Forge exit.

Follow Welcome Center Sign to Upper Welcome Center Parking Area



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