



# AIRE-ING the NEWS

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With only a few weeks before the big Montgomery 2010 shows there were things that needed to be done and little time left to do them! Getting all the last minute items taken care of; show clothes, regular clothes, rain clothes, grooming supplies for Pele' and us of course, the wheels...oh, you all get the point. There is so much stuff that is required to be taken to a local show there has to be at least twice the amount of stuff needed to take to a show that you need to travel across the country to. All you can do is hope that you didn't forget anything and if you did it is something that you can buy easily.

Then there is watching the constant weather updates for Northern New Jersey and the Philadelphia area, only to find out that it has been raining for weeks and it doesn't look like it is going to give up at any time soon. Having said that there brings out the stories of "Mudgomery". This is a story that no newbie wants to hear about. "Mudgomery" goes down in history for the most cars towed out of mud at Devon. There are also stories of countless lost shoes and boots that handlers lost in the mud! I heard a story or two about people taking a spill while going around with their dogs. Oh, how we prayed for good weather. It would just be dreadful to have your first Montgomery experience be the second "Mudgomery" to date!

So like most things we do we decided to show at Montgomery 2010 for the first time as first time breeders, first time handlers and with a 14-month old puppy. We are either crazy or we really have a sense of adventure, I will vote for the later. To add to our list of "firsts" we have never flown with a dog "in the belly of the plane" either. We had no idea on how he was going to do flying – or how we would do with him flying for that matter. Luckily, we were able to book direct flights so there was no changing planes.

We arrived three hours early at SFO. We were booked on a red-eye to Philadelphia. The check-in crew at the United Terminal were great! They totally dealt with "dog people" before so they knew what they

were in for when they saw us coming with all of our dog stuff and dog in tow. The two United workers seemed to take a liking to Mr. Pele! Of course Pele' greeted one of them with a nice gentle (LOL) jump on him. After checking in, I got to walk him to the "Pet" area. It was quite a long walk and when we finally got there, he did what he needed to. I then brought him back to the counter where Marguerite and I got to lead him down to the check in area by Baggage Claim. We tucked him into his crate and gave him his last kisses. Then we were off to our gate. We didn't get a chance to see him get loaded into the plane, but when we boarded, I asked the flight attendant if he boarded yet; and the flight attendant told me he would let me know as soon as he did. Sitting on the plane, with our roommate, Devon Allen, and ready for takeoff, we heard Pele' barking right beneath us. He was probably wondering why he wasn't in first class! The flight out to Philadelphia



Nancy Dirgo & Pele Continued on Page 2

was long but smooth. When we arrived at Philly, they finally brought out our boy to us. All the worrying was for not, Pele' was not even phased by the flight!

Since we took a red-eye we arrived early Wednesday morning, this allowed for Pele' to acclimate to the time change and weather and for us to recover from a sleepless flight. Next was to get Pele' excited about showing the next day at Morris & Essex. We got up at 4 a.m. to make the trip from Pennsylvania to New Jersey! We had a caravan of three cars- Georgia McRae and Bobbie Fakkema leading, followed by Devon Allen and then our van with Pele' and our friend Candice Harper and her Norwich Terrier Jack taking up the rear. It was still dark and very wet when we arrived at the grounds for the historical Morris & Essex show. Since Morris & Essex is only held every five years there was a certain feeling or spirit to the show (it might have just been the hats). We focused on getting Mr. Pele ready and the two of us spent some time getting his "Game Face" on. That day we took our class under Judge Peter Green. I wasn't too nervous; I was focused on the thoughts of my mentors who got us to where we are today. The remainder of the day was magical! We were so honored to be at Morris & Essex and can't wait to go back again.



We showed the following two days at Hatboro and Devon. We were very proud of our boy Pele' he was getting better with each day. Most nights he didn't have more than four or five hours of sleep before we woke him up and loaded him and his stuff in the van. Pele' seemed to be doing better with the lack of sleep than we were. With each day we were getting more settled in as a team on the road. At certain points there almost seemed to be a flow to what we were doing @ Team Pele'. Pele' did not take his class at either Hatboro or Devon. This was a bit of a bummer but how could we be upset when we had a 14 month old puppy showing his heart out to a crowd of unknown people.



**Hat  
Trick's  
Always  
On Top  
Pele**



The Terrier show of all Terrier shows. And we were there with a puppy! Just knowing that breeders and handlers have been coming to this show for decades and to be among them was an amazing feeling. This is the show that some people wait all year for. There are rituals and favorite places to eat and drink. Some people even have a favorite spot to pick up a last minute breakfast sandwich. Breeders come from afar to show off their prized Airedale Terriers from across the United States and the World. With this being said some breeders get to see their friends from afar only once a year at this show. Just walking around you got to see people talking with each other sharing the one common thing that brought them to Montgomery County....their love of the breed! How exciting to be amongst all this knowledge and comradely. We got to meet breeders that we only heard about or touched based with them via Face Book. It was so nice to put faces with names and the famous dogs' that they bred. It is so nice to be with people that have built our breed to what it is today. As for us and Pele', he showed great! He couldn't have looked any more beautiful. Even though Pele' did not take his class at Montgomery he was a winner in our eyes...

We did not know what to expect on the way back from Philadelphia, so we arrived 4 hours early to the airport. Needless to say, don't ever do that, You can't check in more than three hours early! We went and checked Pele' in and then proceeded to check ourselves in. This time we saw Pele' being boarded. And, of course, he had something to say again on the take off! What no first class for me!! We landed back at SFO. He was just as happy when we left. What a great experience! Will we go back? Absolutely! The experience was amazing! I think Pele' made a name for himself! And the best is yet to come! We are so grateful to have our friends to support us through the weekend! Our support team not only included our buds from the CATC, Georgia McRae for all the countless hours of help with Pele', Team Wornall for letting us set up with them, Devon Allen for all the late night walks with Pele', my cousin and her 3 kids, my 80-year old parents, my brother and wife (who are in charge of the chairs for next year), one of our best friends from CA and my best friend and her son from Connecticut.

As for "Mudgomery" we had amazing weather and there was no need for rain gear or winter clothing!

Watch out Montgomery – Hat Trick will be back!

### **Pele**



### **Frank Stevens gets a quick kiss from Baxter**





### Montgomery Pictures

Candy Harper (and Jack), Bobbie Fakkema, Nancy Dirgo, Georgia McRae and Marguerite Stetson (left)



Nancy Dirgo and Pele (above)



David Barclay and Tzarah (above)



Deidre Hernandez and Mia



David Barclay and Tzarah

## 2010 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship

### *Qualifying For and Entering the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship*

**Due to the 2009 Show being open to all dogs: Those who qualify under any criteria will have an additional year of eligibility. These dogs will receive their invite early October of 2010.**

**Qualifying Dates For AKC/Eukanuba National Championship:**

October 8, 2009 to October 12, 2010

October 8, 2008 to October 7, 2009 (2009 eligibility year)

October 10, 2007 to October 7, 2009 (2 year, BBE/Puppy BBE & Internationals)

#### Qualifying Events

##### **Automatic Qualifiers**

Dogs automatically qualify for the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship by meeting any one of the following criteria:

- Dogs ranked in the top 25 of their breed (by breed points only) at the end of the qualifying period (1 Year)
- Dogs receiving an all - breed Best in Show at an AKC show held during the qualifying period (1Year)
- Dogs winning Best of Breed at a parent club national specialty\* (1 Year)
- Dogs completing their Grand Championship during the current qualifying period ( 1 year)
- Dogs completing their championship with all points earned from the bred-by-Exhibitor Class during the current and prior Qualifying periods of October 10, 2007 to October 7, 2009 (2 Years)
- Dogs completing their championship with all points earned from the Amateur Owner Handled Class during the current and prior Qualifying periods of October 8, 2008 to October 7, 2009 (2 Years)
- The seven top breed winning dogs from over 60 International Registries and the Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed winners from Crufts (2 Years)

### **CATC Qualifiers for Eukanuba 2010**

#### Grand Championships

GCH CH Devonshires Celtic Pride Airedale Terrier 08-08-2010

#### Bred By Exhibitor Champions

CH Avalonaire Blackjack's Noble Gesture – Patricia Gregg

Ch Avalonaire's Soirée – Patricia Gregg

CH Terrific Hot Tomale - Virginia Latham Smith/Deirdre Hernandez

#### Obedience

CH OTCH Brisline Plumperfect Unforgettable UDX5 OM6 RA

CH Plum Perfect's All That Jazz UD RN NAP NJP

### **TRIVIA**

**What is the normal heart rate of a dog? How does that compare to a human heart rate?**

The normal heart rate of a dog is anywhere from 80 to 120 beats per minute (depending on the breed/size of the dog). Most humans have a heart rate of approximately 60 to 80 beats per minute. A dog's heart beats twice as fast as a human heart.



## Carmel Airedale Walk 2010

Submitted by Sarah Roberts

I awoke in a state of excitement. It was a day I look forward to every year -- the annual Airedale walk on the beach in Carmel. This day was going to be one of the best ever. I had received a wonderful number of RSVP's, 23 people and 16 dogs, and had duly made our reservation at Forge in the Forest for the post-walk lunch. After going through the usual pre-walk inventory (water for Pete - check, poop bags - check, camera - check, hat for the sun - check, jacket for the cold wind - check, umbrella in case it rains - check), I invited Pete to jump into his crate in the back of the van and we set out.

The weather was damp and misty; it had clearly been drizzling during the night. I hoped it would not rain in Carmel. As we headed for the freeway, we encountered several obstacles. First, we took a detour set up by the police to reroute traffic because of the Newark Days parade. Then, an ambulance with wailing siren and flashing lights brought all vehicles to a stop. Then, incredibly, a small pickup, not even going fast, spun out right in front of me and smashed into a guard rail. This series of events did not seem to augur well for the day, and I began to feel a little nervous. I wondered if we were destined to have a glitch in the day.

The drive to Carmel was lovely, as always, even though the day was gray and it drizzled on and off. Amazingly, as we turned onto Ocean Avenue in Carmel and I looked straight down the road, I saw a cloud layer high in the sky, but a clear view to the horizon and blue sky right above the sea. It was a beautiful day at the beach. Awesome!

As we approached the parking area I saw several Airedales with their people walking toward the beach. It's always a joyful thing to see a bunch of Airedales together. I think it's the combination of their proud nobility as the "King of Terriers" and their playful antics as they frolic with their own kind.

A large group of us began to gather and watch for more. It was such a pleasure to see old friends and to meet new acquaintances and their wonderful dogs. As we started to walk up the beach, our dogs enjoyed themselves in freedom. There were puppies, mature adults, and veterans, and they all seemed to sense the festive nature of the occasion. Off-leash, they dashed up and down the beach, teasing the waves to get them. They twirled and play-bowed to each other, sniffed, rolled in the sand, found places to dig for treasure, and circled back around their people.

The people talked of their dogs, of those they had lost, of the puppies who had come to comfort them and enrich their lives, of the news since friends were last seen. An anxious moment arose when Chris Hyde discovered that Jazz was AWOL and turned back along the beach to look for him. We all hovered in place, anxiously awaiting her return. It was good to see her and Jazz approaching. As she put it, "Scaring Mom like that is not a good thing." Well, that's the glitch, I thought. I was wrong.

As the hour of noon grew near, our happy, hungry band headed for the Forge in the Forest, but when we arrived there we were told that a wedding party had reserved the entire patio, and they could not accommodate us. They said that after making our reservation they had left a message canceling it (I never received this message and after returning home I checked my machine again just in case; there were four messages, but none from them). What to do?

We explained the situation to some of the early arrivals at the Forge, and all of us agreed that our chances of finding space for 23 people and 16 dogs at another restaurant with no advance notice were pretty slim. It seemed that the best thing would be to split up and go our separate ways for lunch, so some left, and to them, I apologize. I hope they had a wonderful lunch somewhere.



In the meantime, the hardy souls who had walked up from the beach began to arrive. Some, whom we teachers would call the “problem solvers,” sprang into action. Out came smart phones and GPS units. Chuck and Jan Hustedt and Mike and Penny Gowring began searching for alternatives and making phone calls. Suzanne Tharpe recalled that club members used to go to the Hog’s Breath Inn, and a phone call to them produced a welcome reply: “Yes, we can take you.”

We walked over to the Hog’s Breath (I always liked Clint Eastwood, although I don’t know that he owns it anymore), and there we found a lovely patio, welcoming staff, and delicious “pub grub.” The Airedales were well behaved, including the puppies, some of whom

unobtrusively dug themselves a little den in one of the garden wells and were as happy as clams. All the dogs received water bowls from the attentive wait staff. The people enjoyed a marvelous lunch.

So, the glitch was overcome. As we raised our glasses in a toast to the wonderful dogs who brought us together, I couldn’t help thinking of a line from the movie “White Christmas.” After the number “The Best Things Happen When You’re Dancing,” the Danny Kaye character says, “I don’t know if the best things happen when you’re dancing, or if they just happen in Vermont.” Trust me, Danny, it’s not Vermont. The best things happen when you’re with Airedales.





**Carmel Walk 2010 Pictures**



**They're all embarrassing! (above)**



**Follow the leader!**



**Dude, I am so done with this walk! (above)**



**Nice Tail!**



**What, I thought I was an Aire-dale Terrier!! (left)**



More Carmel Airedale Walk Pictures



## Games to Play with Your Dog

People who regularly play with their dog expand mutual understanding, respect and communication. Games are wonderful activities to do with your dog requiring the two of you to communicate and work together in some way. Games may have a goal but they have no titles, no placements, no ribbons. Games might even involve competition - but it is competition of the moment. Remember that while dogs are not humans in fur suits they *are* social creatures and playing is an important element in developing social relationships. Playing games is a fundamental way of "modeling" real life. You can teach a dog to obey by playing games that make following your instructions fun. Dogs enjoy games such as "Follow the leader" and "Simon Says" Think about all the games kids play that involve following (or failing to follow) directions. Kids learn from this and so do dogs. And handled properly the learning is a very positive experience.

### Find the Treat

Put your Airedale in a "down" stay then put treats in a variety of hiding places. They have to wait until you are all done hiding them. Then say "GO!" and let your Airedale run around trying to find each of the treats.

### Hide and Seek

To play hide and seek with your Airedale, put them on a sit or down or have someone hold your Airedale. Then hide. Call them to see if they can find you. This is good for teaching a dog to wait until called as well as fun for you and your dog.

### *More Resources on Games to enjoy with your dog*

<http://www.wagntrain.com/Games.htm> Includes games such as Hide and seek, treasure hunt, pick up your toys, Simon says, Fetch, and Tug of war.

[http://www.hut.fi/~mtt/belq\\_tricks.html](http://www.hut.fi/~mtt/belq_tricks.html)

## Top Ten Pet Poisonings

Veterinary Pet Insurance Co (VPI) recently analyzed its database of more than 485,000 insured pets to find the sources behind hundreds of poisoning claims it receives every month.

Following is a ranking of the nearly 20,000 pet poisoning claims VPI received between 2005 and 2009:

<i>Accidental Ingestion of Medications (pet or human drugs)</i>	5,131
<i>Rodenticide (mouse &amp; rat poison)</i>	4,028
<i>Methylxanthine Toxicity (chocolate, caffeine)</i>	3,661
<i>Plant Poisoning</i>	2,808
<i>Household Chemicals</i>	1,669
<i>Metalddehyde (snail, slug poison)</i>	396
<i>Insecticide</i>	323
<i>Heavy Metal Toxicity (lead, zinc)</i>	288
<i>Toad Poisoning</i>	270
<i>Antifreeze Poisoning</i>	213
<i>Walnut Poisoning</i>	100
<i>Alcohol Toxicity</i>	75
<i>Strychnine</i>	28



## More Trivia

**Can dogs see in color?** Dogs do see in color – but mostly in shades of gray. They cannot distinguish between red, orange, yellow or green. They can see some shades of blue but blues are often seen as shades gray.

**How does a dog's sense of taste compare to ours?** Humans have six times as many taste buds as dogs. Most of a dog's taste buds are located only on the tip of the tongue. Dogs can detect sweet, sour, bitter and salty tastes. A dog smells rather than tastes.

**What percentage of dogs are thought to be obese in the United States?** Approximately 25 to 40% of all American are obese or overweight.



## The Story of the The Airedale Bowl

By ATCA Historian Lisa Berglin

One hundred years ago the Airedale Terrier Club of America made a resolution to offer an exquisite silver Bowl trophy for the best of breed Airedale Terrier.

A copy of the ATCA constitution is included in the book, "The Complete Story of the Airedale Terrier" by F.M. Jowett, published in 1913. A virtually unknown paragraph included toward the end of the book entitled "Specials," details how close we came to not being able to celebrate our momentous 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It stated that...

*"The Airedale Bowl, for the best Airedale Terrier owned by a member. The Bowl to be offered five times a year for five years, at the end of which period to be awarded to the member winning it the greatest number of times. A Club medal to be awarded at each win."*

ATCA does not have a written record of who retired the Bowl with the most wins, but who ever it

was subsequently donated it back to the club. According to the 1925 yearbook, the Bowl was a perpetual trophy owned by the club to be awarded no more than five times per year for the Best of breed Airedale.

The Bowl is to be displayed at all ATCA specialty shows. Over the last 100 years all the winners names have been engraved either on the Bowl, or as space dictated, to the plates that now surround the custom built bases, raising the bowl to an awe inspiring height of over 5 feet! Many in the dog fancy consider "the Bowl" to be one of the greatest trophies offered by any club or breed today. It is certainly a befitting trophy for the "King of Terriers."

To read the names listed on our venerable trophy is not only to see the who's who of the Airedale world, past and present, but to appreciate just how long and how dedicated the people in this breed have been over the last century. Please take the time to review the dogs, as well as the names of the owners, who strove to breed the best Airedale Terrier.

Let us always honor those who came before us, as well as strive to add our own names to this grand Bowl by breeding Airedales worthy of the honor.



## Training and Behavior Surviving the Information Age

By Dorothy Miner

Pet owners today have access to massive amounts of information related to the training, health, everyday care and general management of their pets. There are more books, magazines and newsletters available than ever before – on every conceivable aspect of pet ownership. Popular television shows feature charismatic experts, and the market is full of video and DVD productions offering methods and products “guaranteed” to improve the behavior and health of America’s pets. The Internet is an even bigger source, with easily found web sites and discussion groups offering information on just about everything.



Having this much access to technology, media and the written word can be a mixed blessing. Finding information is easy. Weeding out the misinformation, fraudulent claims, biased opinions and incomplete information is the hard part.

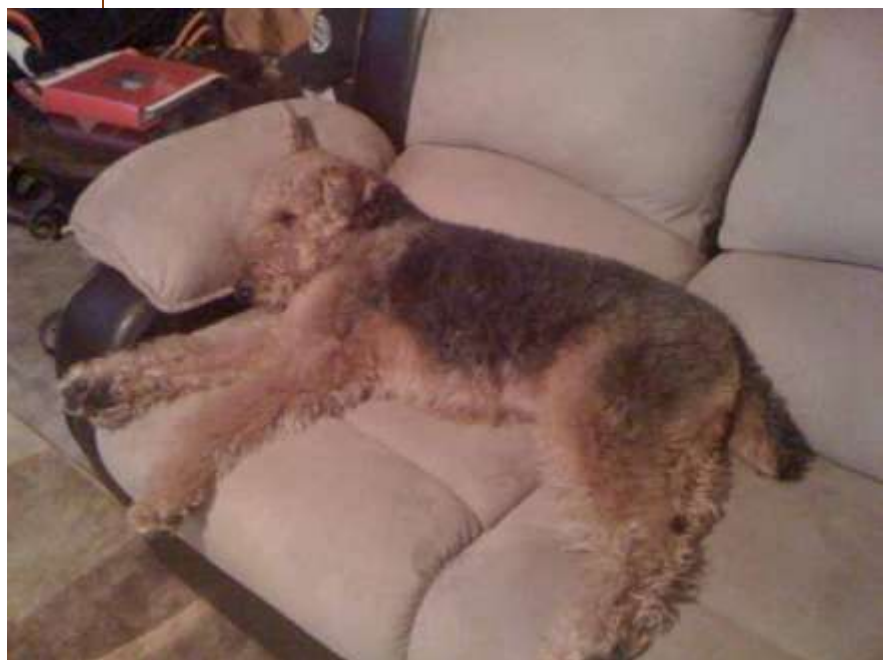
As a dog trainer and training class instructor I encounter people who have formed strong opinions on training methods and equipment based on what they have read on the internet, saw on a television show or read in a book. I appreciate people who make an effort to learn all they can about the humane care and training of their dogs, but when their “facts” are based on information that is shaky at best, is incompletely presented, or is limited to a single source presenting itself to be the only real authority on the matter it can be a challenge to work with them.

How can you tell if the source you’re using is providing good information? First of all, don’t fall into the all-too-common trap of believing everything you read, see or hear. Pretty much anyone can produce a professional-looking web site, video, DVD, book or publication. Just because what you’re looking at appears to be professional and slick it doesn’t necessarily mean that it’s the best source of information. Keep an open mind and don’t be afraid to be a bit of a skeptic at times. What are the presenter’s credentials? What experience does the “expert” have? How long has he or she been practicing in this particular field? Is the person providing the information truly an expert on the matter, or is it an actor paid for the performance? Are the presenters trying to sell you a product or service, hoping you will choose theirs and not one of the many others competing on the market? How does this information compare to that provided by other sources? Do the claims being made sound reason-

able? Does the presenter claim to have the only good knowledge of the subject, openly rejecting any differing opinion or method as being inhumane and archaic? Do they rely heavily on testimonials, with little actual proof of effectiveness? Do the methods, products or advice seem drastically different from that of others in the field? Remember also that what you read or see may only be a summary of a much bigger process. This is particularly true when watching television programs which must conform to tight time limits and which are carefully edited keep their viewers’ interest. Only the impressive highlights may be presented, without showing the time-consuming work, usually taking weeks or months, necessary to produce the final product.

A place to be particularly cautious is the internet forum or discussion group. Groups that are affiliated with professional organizations are often excellent, but information presented on some other discussion lists can be suspicious. Some participants in these groups use them as their personal soapboxes, dishing out opinions, airing grievances, and giving out bits and pieces of information that may be incomplete or unfounded.

More good information than ever is available to a person willing to do a bit of research. There are great books and other publications, wonderful and informative web sites and discussion groups. Just use a good bit of common sense when sifting through all the information you find and don’t be afraid to ask your breeder, local dog trainer, veterinarian, groomer or other pet professional what they think. An owner armed with better-than-average knowledge of pet care, health, nutrition, training and behavior will have a much better-than-average relationship with the beloved pet.





## Scrambleaires

### Holiday Scramblaire

By Linda Botts

This word puzzle is similar to the “Jumbles” found in many newspapers. You unscramble the words/phrases; then using the asterisked letters, you solve the puzzle. All the words relate to the **HOLIDAYS** and some are two words (including the solution). Have fun!

Scrambled words:

\_\_\_\*\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ GGNOEG Popular holiday beverage (two words)

\_\_\_\*\_\_\_\_\_ NHEROMA Hanukkah candelabrum

\_\_\_\*\_\_\_\_\_ \* THAWER Circular door décor

\_\_\_\*\_\_\_\_\_ \* IHSGLT House or tree brighteners

\_\_\_\*\_\_\_\_\_ \* SATSOT Glasses clink before these

\_\_\_\*\_\_\_\_\_ \* NGSLEA Robed seraphim

\_\_\_\*\_\_\_\_\_ \* GLISHE Santa’s conveyance

\_\_\_\*\_\_\_\_\_ \* REDERINE Rudolph

\_\_\_\*\_\_\_\_\_ LOCRAS Fun to sing

\_\_\_\*\_\_\_\_\_ FOPRTOO Santa’s landing zone (two words)

Solution:

Generic holiday wish (two words)

### And More Trivia:

**How many bones do dogs have in their body?** Dogs have an average of 319 bones in their bodies.

**Can dogs be sunburned?** Yes they can – and light-colored dogs are especially susceptible.

**What is the normal temperature of a dog?** Normal body temperature for a dog ranges between 100.5 degrees F to 101.5 degrees F. Normal human temperature is 98.6 degrees F.

**How many vocal sounds can a dog make and how does that compare to a cat?** Dogs can only make 10 vocal sounds – as compared to a cat that can make about 100 vocal sounds.

**How old was the oldest living dog?** The oldest living dog on record lived in Australia. He was an Australian Cattle Dog named Bluey who worked among cattle and sheep for nearly twenty years. Bluey lived to the age of 29 years, 5 months.

## Fall Toxic Plants

Flowers and plants add beauty to any holiday, and they make great holiday gifts. But if your family includes pets, you may want to learn which plants are safe and which ones you need to avoid.

Here is a list of plants to avoid. Remember that ingesting bulb plants often cause the most severe illnesses.

- **Holly** (*Ilex sp.*). This plant, commonly found around Christmas time, can cause intense vomiting and diarrhea. Mental depression can also occur.
- **Amaryllis** (*Amaryllis spp.*). Ingestion can result in vomiting, diarrhea, depression, lack of appetite, tremors, drooling and abdominal pain.
- **Mistletoe** (*Phoradendron spp.*). This plant, another Christmas plant, can also cause significant vomiting and diarrhea. In addition, this plant has been associated with difficulty breathing, slowed heart rate, collapse and, if a lot is ingested, death has occurred. Some animals may even show erratic behavior and possible hallucinations.
- **Poinsettia** (*Euphorbia*). This plant can cause irritation to the mouth and stomach and sometimes vomiting. It has a low level of toxicity and is overrated as a toxic plant. Many people consider it basically non-toxic.
- **Christmas cactus, Thanksgiving cactus, Easter cactus** (*Schlumbergera or Zygocactus*). In dogs, if large quantities of this plant are ingested, vomiting, possibly with blood, diarrhea, possibly with blood and mental depression have been reported. With small ingestions, typically there are no signs of toxicity. These plants are considered low toxicity plants.

Some less common toxic winter holiday plants include:

- **American bittersweet** (*Celastrus scandens*). Ingestion results in weakness, vomiting and seizures.

- **European bittersweet** (*Solanum dulcamara*). Ingestion results in drooling, vomiting, diarrhea, depression, lack of appetite, weakness, confusion and low heart rate.
- **Chrysanthemum** (*Chrysanthemum morifolium*). Ingestion results in vomiting, diarrhea, depression, drooling and lack of appetite.
- **Christmas rose** (*Helleborus niger*). Ingestion results in abdominal pain, vomiting, bloody diarrhea and delirium.
- **Jerusalem cherry** (*Solanum pseudocapsicum*). Ingestion results in vomiting, diarrhea, mouth ulcers, seizures, mental depression, respiratory depression, shock and death.
- **Autumn crocus** (*Colchicum autumnale*). Ingestion of the bulbs results in mouth irritation, bleeding vomiting, diarrhea, shock, kidney failure, liver damage and bone marrow suppression.
- **Thanksgiving cactus** (*Zygocactus truncatus*). Ingestion results in vomiting, diarrhea and depression. Cats also can develop staggering.
- **Christams palm** (*Veitchia merrillii*). This plant is considered nontoxic.
- **Christmas orchid** (*Cattleya trianaei*). This plant is considered nontoxic.
- **Christmas dagger fern** (*Polystichum spp.*). This plant is considered nontoxic.
- **Mistletoes cactus** (*Thipsalis cassutha*). This plant is considered nontoxic.
- **Burning bush** (*Euronymous alatus*). Ingestion can result in vomiting, diarrhea, depression and lack of appetite.

## Answers to Scrambleaire

Words: Egg nog, menorah, wreath, lights, toasts, angels, sleigh, reindeer, carols, roof top  
Solution: Seasons greetings



## List of 20 Plants and their Toxicity Status

House plants are popular additions to many rooms. Usually, plants and pets live together harmoniously, although some curious pets often venture to take a little taste. Listed below are 20 of the most popular houseplants and their levels of toxicity.

- **Philodendron.** Mildly toxic. Chewing or ingesting can result in irritation of the mouth and throat. Drooling and vomiting may also occur.
  - **Boston Fern.** Non-toxic
  - **African Violet.** Non-toxic
  - **Ficus.** Mildly toxic. Contact with the plant can result in skin irritation. Chewing or ingestion can result in vomiting and diarrhea.
  - **Mother-in-Laws Tongue (Snake Plant).** Mildly toxic. Chewing or ingestion can result in vomiting and diarrhea.
  - **Schefflera.** Mildly toxic. Chewing on or ingesting can result in irritation of the mouth and throat. Drooling and vomiting may also occur.
  - **Croton.** Mildly toxic. Chewing or ingestion can result in vomiting and diarrhea.
  - **Jade.** Mildly toxic. Chewing or ingestion can result in vomiting, depression and staggering.
  - **Aloe Vera.** Mildly toxic. Chewing or ingestion can result in vomiting, diarrhea, lack of appetite or muscle tremors.
  - **Dieffenbachia.** Mildly toxic. Chewing or ingesting can result in irritation of the mouth and throat. Drool-
- ing and vomiting may also occur.
  - **Poinsettia.** Mildly toxic. Chewing or ingesting can result in irritation of the mouth and throat. Drooling and vomiting may also occur. Generally over-rated as a toxic plant. Large amounts of the plant need to be ingested for even mild toxic signs to develop.
  - **Pothos.** Mildly toxic. Chewing or ingesting can result in irritation of the mouth and throat. Drooling and vomiting may also occur.
  - **Corn Plant (Draceana).** Mildly toxic. Chewing or ingestion can result in vomiting, drooling and staggering.
  - **Spider Plant.** Non-toxic. Do not confuse spider plant (*Chlorophytum comosum*) with the toxic spider lily (*Crinum species* or *Hymenocallis species*).
  - **Ivy.** Moderately toxic. Chewing or ingestion can result in vomiting, diarrhea, drooling, breathing difficulty, fever or muscle weakness.
  - **Norfolk Pine.** Moderately toxic. Chewing or ingestion can result in vomiting, depression, pale gums and low body temperature.
  - **Palm (Neanthebella).** Non-toxic.
  - **Chinese Evergreen (Algaonema).** Mildly toxic. Chewing on or ingesting can result in irritation of the mouth and throat. Drooling and vomiting may occur.
  - **Peace Lily (Spathiphyllum).** Mildly toxic. Chewing on or ingesting can result in irritation of the mouth and throat. Drooling and vomiting may also occur.
  - **Antherium.** Mildly toxic. Chewing on or ingesting can result in irritation of the mouth and throat. Drooling and vomiting may also occur.



CATC Officers and Directors for 2011 are as follows:

President, Deidre Hernandez  
 V President, Patricia Gregg  
 Secretary, Kristi Bruus  
 Treasurer, Nancy Bougher  
 Directors, Class of 2012: Nancy Strohmaier and Mike Growing

Holiday Pictures





## KITCHEN CABINET

Chocolate and Cheese Danish

### **Ingredients**

#### **Filling:**

- 1/4 cup (2 ounces) cream cheese, at room temperature
- 1/4 cup (2 ounces) mascarpone cheese, at room temperature
- 1 egg yolk
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1/8 teaspoon fine sea salt
- 1/2 cup mini chocolate chips
- 2 (9-inch-square) sheets frozen puff pastry, thawed

**1 egg, beaten**

#### **Directions**

Put an oven rack in the center of the oven. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper. Set aside.

Filling: In a small bowl, mix together the cheeses, egg yolk, flour, sugar, vanilla and salt until smooth. Fold in the chocolate chips. Set aside.

Cut each sheet of pastry into 4 equal-sized squares. Put 4 pastry squares on each prepared baking sheet. Spoon about 2 to 3 teaspoons of the filling into the center of each piece of pastry. Fold 1 corner of the pastry diagonally over the filling to within 1-inch of the opposite corner. Using a pastry brush, brush the folded-over section lightly with the beaten egg. Fold the opposite corner over the egg-brushed pastry to form an open-ended Danish. Brush the pastry with beaten egg and bake until puffed and golden, about 15 minutes. Remove from the oven and cool for 5 minutes before serving.



### **Lazy Turkey Loaf (for dogs)**

*Makes 6 servings*

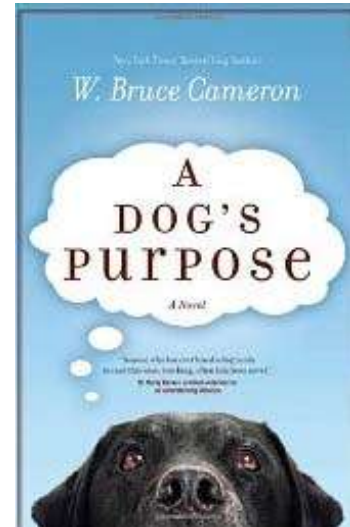
- 2 pounds ground turkey
- 1/2 cup cooked vegetables
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder\*
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup quick-cook barley
- 1 cup quick-cook oats
- 4 ounces canned no-fat gravy

Instructions:

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit.
- In a mixing bowl combine turkey, vegetables, garlic powder, egg, barley and oats.

- Mix thoroughly.
- Spoon into a greased loaf pan and pat down meat mixture until level. Spread gravy on top of loaf and bake for 1 to 1 1/2 hours.
- Cool and cut into six even slices. Store unused portions in refrigerator.

\* According to [PetPlace.com](http://PetPlace.com), Garlic powder in small amounts is not considered dangerous to dogs.



## BOOKSHELF

A Dog's Purpose - A Novel for Humans

By W. Bruce Cameron

A Dog's Purpose is the touching story of a dog that lives through several incarnations. The narrative of the tale is from the perspective of the dog. Throughout these lives he learns various lessons that enable him to fulfill what he believes to be his purpose on Earth.

This story is often funny and sometimes sad. I doubt anyone could read it without being moved. It is an insightful commentary on the human/canine bond. I don't believe I will ever quite see my dogs in the same light since reading this book. In fact, I think respect them even more.

I doubt a professional could have more accurately captured the inner workings of the dog's mind. It confirms my beliefs that are based on my experiences and it just feels right on an intuitive level. This book is a must read for anyone that has ever had the opportunity to share their life with a dog.

# CATC Calendar and General Information

## Standing Committee Chairs

2010 Specialty (Obedience)	Chris Hyde
2010 Specialty Achievement Awards	Patty Gregg Georgia McRae
ADOA	Kristi Burrus
Airedale Walks	Chris Hyde Sarah Roberts
AKC Delegate	Kayla Kurucz
Breeder Referral	Deirdre Hernandez
Centennial Yearbook	Nancy Bridge
Database /Mailings	Linda Botts
Education	Virginia Smith
Fun Day	Carol Kubiak Chair/ Sarah Roberts Co-Chair
Golden Gate Décor	Chairperson Needed
Historian	Nancy Bridge
Judges Selection	Deirdre Hernandez Devon Allen
Membership/ Subscriptions	Georgia McRae
Newsletter	Patty Gregg/ Nancy Dirgo
Rally Classes	Nancy Strohmaier
Rescue	Virginia Smith
Sanctioned Match	Chairperson needed
Sunshine Committee	Helen Piperis
Supported Entry Del Valle	Chaz Frazier
Trim & Train	Chairperson needed
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Ways & Means	Lowell Jennings
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February 27, 2010	Home of Virginia & Lee Smith, Acampo
May 8, 2010	Home of Nancy Dirgo/Marguerite Stetson
July 10, 2010	Home of Devon Allen
October 23, 2010	Celia's Restaurant, Menlo Park
December 18, 2010	Home of Linda Botts and Jim Brennan

## Board Meetings 2010

January 2, 2010	Home of Ron Colvin
March 20, 2010	To Be Decided
June 24, 2010	To Be Decided
September 11, 2010	To Be Decided
November 13, 2010	To Be Decided

## CATC Activities 2010

Trim and Train	Saturdays: March 13, 27; April 3, 24; May 8
Rally Classes	Saturdays: Feb 6, 13, 20, 27; March 6, 13
Sanctioned Match	Saturday, June 5
Fun Day	Saturday, August 21
2010 Walks	Livermore: May 2; Oakland: July 24; Carmel: September 18; Folsom: October 16;
Rally Workshop & Canine Good Citi-	Sunday March 14
2010 Spring Specialty Weekend 4 Conformation Shows 5 Obedience Competitions Evening Obedience Banquet Friday Luncheon	Thursday April 15—Sunday April 18
Pet Grooming Clinic	May 1
ATCA National Specialty	October 10—Montgomery Kennel Club, PA

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Kristi Burrus, Secretary  
Nancy Bougher, Treasurer

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**2011:** Angie Shear, Devon Allen,  
Linda Van Bibber  
**2012:** Nancy Strohmaier, Mike Growing

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Practice sessions meet at least twice a month at my house in Tracy. (We may consider other locations, too.) Depending on the weather (stormy), it may be in our garage or at a nearby park. Bring your favorite tunes, dancing feet and, of course, your fun lovin' Airedales. We have several crates, x-pens and dog run areas for general use.

To get on the list and more details, contact **Nancy** at:  
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