

# AIRE-ING THE NEWS

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**Merry  
Christmas  
And  
Happy New  
Year!**

**General Meeting  
Saturday  
December 10, 2011  
At Redcoats Pub**



CATC member support Golden Gate Kennel Club show January 2011

## Mark you calendars !

**Golden Gate Kennel Club 109<sup>th</sup> & 110<sup>th</sup> Annual Blue Ribbon Dog Show  
January 28 & 29, 2012**

The show is held at the Cow Palace in Daly City. It is one of very few benched shows left in the United States. The other benched show that most people have heard of is Westminster, held in New York City at Madison Square Gardens (see more about this year's show in this newsletter)

Carol Reynolds is in chairperson for decorating this years bench. She can use help! If you think this is something you can help with please give her a call or email.

CATC also needs volunteers who know about Airedale Terriers to be at the show in the benching area.

The show is the most visible educational opportunity for CATC. Thousands of people attend the show and make their way to the benching areas. Several CATC members have entered Airedales in the show so there will be live dogs for the public to meet but extra "experienced" Airedale people are needed to speak to the public about Airedales.

To volunteer for the benching area either Saturday or Sunday please call or email Angie Shear.

Many vendors bring their wares to the cow palace halls. Bring your shopping lists and wallets!

The first publication of Aire-ing the News was in 1971!  
Happy 40th Anniversary!



## Mending a Broken Spirit

*Dorothy Miner*

In the last newsletter I wrote about Annie, a Chinese Crested dog that had been given a forever home by a friend in Kentucky. Annie was a “broken” dog, one that had suffered abuse and neglect in her former life. I am happy to report that she is continuing in her transformation. She will always have her limitations, but things are looking bright for this little dog. Those who did

the initial rescue work with Annie surmised that she was the product of a puppy mill or uneducated backyard breeder. This is often the case, but not every “broken” dog comes from this type of situation. Sad to say, some come from knowledgeable breeders. This is true of a male Airedale I had in one of my classes.

This dog wasn’t a victim of physical neglect, nor was he the product of a puppy mill or backyard breeder. This was a dog that a respected breeder had “grown out” and then placed as a pet. He was handsome and in his physical prime. His problem was that he had an extremely short fuse and could “go off” at any time. His reaction to other dogs was predictable and controllable; it was his reaction to humans that worried me. More often than not he would not tolerate the smallest invasion of his space without attempting a bite, usually aimed at the face. I discovered this when I got very close to being maimed when I attempted to pet him on the first night of his Canine Good Citizen class. (It sure would have been nice if the owner had warned me of his behavior problem in advance!) We worked hard to help this dog tolerate the proximity of people other than his owner, who had only had him for a relatively short time. Nothing we attempted helped, and I wondered if the owner took any of my suggestions on behavior modification at home. I urged her to contact an excellent private trainer I know who specializes in serious behavior problems. I feared that this was going to be the last hope for this dog. I don’t think the owner ever made the appointment.

So much went wrong with this situation. First, the breeders must have noticed the dog’s personal space issues. At some point they must have seen that nobody but themselves could touch the poor dog. These weren’t inexperienced breeders; they have produced Airedales with good show records. Second, the new owners should have taken the problem more seriously. The owner came from a family that had considerable experience with terriers, including Airedales. They weren’t novices. Third, the assumption that merely running a dog through an obedience class will solve a problem as severe as this is a mistake. I often wonder what happened to this unfortunate dog. It saddens me to know that one of the most potentially dangerous dogs to attend

any of our Canine Good Citizen classes was an Airedale.

Breeders have a responsibility to know something more about their dogs than how closely they conform to the breed standard as it applies to the show ring. Dogs with temperament problems should not be placed without the potential owners knowing exactly what they are getting in to and without some assurance that they will be able to handle the problems. It isn’t only puppies that should be well-socialized and handled and exposed to everything they will meet in the future. I’ve seen more of a problem with dogs that have been “grown out” by their breeders and then placed. Too often these animals are not getting continued socialization, handling and training during their older puppyhood and adolescence. Just bringing them along to shows is not enough. In a perfect world, the breeder would treat the youngster as if it were going to be a pet from the start – continually socializing it to the world outside the kennel and show ring.

I am not trying to incriminate good breeders here. A perfectly sound pup can be ruined by an owner who has no clue as to what a puppy needs to become a sound adult. More than one good breeder has found that once a pup or adult dog left his or her home, things started to go wrong. This is why careful screening and education of buyers and adopters is so important. It only takes a few publicized incidents of dog aggression towards humans to raise the eyebrows of those who favor restrictions on certain breeds. We can’t let our beloved Airedales ever make it onto a list of restricted, supposedly dangerous breeds, which could easily happen if temperament isn’t of the utmost importance to everyone involved in our breed.



Annie and Buddy Louie



# CATC "TRIM & TRAIN"

JANUARY 14, 28

FEBRUARY 11, 25

MARCH 3, 24

APRIL 7

TRIM AND TRAIN IS BACK AND IN A NEW, CONVENIENT LOCATION. (AT LEAST, WE THINK SO!)

TRIM CLASS IS OPEN TO ALL AIREDALES (AND OTHER HAND STRIPPED TERRIER BREEDS) AND THEIR OWNERS WANTING TO LEARN TO HAND STRIP THEIR DOGS. OUR TIMING IS GEARED TO GET DOGS AND PUPPIES READY FOR THE CATC SPECIALTY, BUT ALL PEOPLE INTERESTED IN LEARNING HOW TO HAND STRIP AND TRIM THEIR DOGS ARE WELCOME!

(ONE CLASS WILL BE DEDICATED TO CLIPPER FINISHING YOUR PETS AND RETIREES!)

WHERE: DOGTOPIA IN PLEASANTON (JUST SOUTH OF THE 580/680 INTERCHANGE)  
7132 JOHNSON DRIVE, SUITE D  
PLEASANTON, CA 94588-8032  
(925) 416-7877

COST: \$150.00

TIME: 9:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON ON DESIGNATED SATURDAYS

SUPPLIES: ALL NEEDED SUPPLIES MAY BE PURCHASED ONLINE AT THE [GROOMERSMALL.COM](http://GROOMERSMALL.COM)

**GROOMING TOOLS/SUPPLIES WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE CLASS**

GROOMING TABLES MAY BE ORDERED FROM [PETEDGE.COM](http://PETEDGE.COM). PETEDGE OFFERS COMPETITIVE PRICING AND OFTEN RUNS DEALS ON SHIPPING.

GROOMING TOOLS YOU SHOULD BRING ARE: FINE BLADE STRIPPING KNIFE (MCKNYFE FINE (YELLOW) OR PEARSON FINE), WIDE TOOTHED/MEDIUM TOOTHED COMB, PIN BRUSH OR PALM BRUSH, GROOMING POWDER, GOOD QUALITY SCISSORS OR THINNING SHEARS, GROOMING TABLE AND ARM. YOU SHOULD ALSO BRING A CRATE AND WATER FOR YOUR DOG JUST IN CASE HE/SHE NEEDS A BREAK.

SPACE IS LIMITED, SO PLEASE RESERVE YOUR SPACE IN THE CLASS SOONER RATHER THAN LATER.

SEND RESERVATIONS FORMS TO: DEVON ALLEN

QUESTIONS: EMAIL DEVON AT [KAIRK@ASTOUND.NET](mailto:KAIRK@ASTOUND.NET)

# CATC Trim and Train

## Reservation Form

Other Breeds welcome include: Irish, Wire Fox, Welsh, Lakeland, West Highland White, Cairn, Norfolk, Norwich, Border and Parson Russell Terriers. If your breed isn't listed contact Devon at [kairk@astound.net](mailto:kairk@astound.net) - most broken coated and hand stripped dogs are welcome.

Please complete and send with payment to:  
Devon Allen  
5458 Florida Dr.  
Concord, CA 94521

Class size will be limited.

Please print neatly and clearly!

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed a check in the amount of \$150.00 made payable to CATC. I understand that I may cancel prior to the first class and request a full refund. I understand that once sessions have begun there will be no refunds, either full or prorated.

I also acknowledge that I am responsible for bringing grooming tools to class and that there will be grooming required outside of class time. I understand that the CATC will not offer for sale any grooming tools, but that I may purchase them at CATC recommended online stores.

\_\_\_\_\_  
signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
date

## *Trim and Train recommended tools*

PetEdge tends to be less expensive and has a wider selection. The MacKnyfe stripper is only available on the Groomer's Mall website.

1. Macknyfe Stripper, MK-3 yellow  
[http://www.groomersmall.com/acc\\_knives.htm](http://www.groomersmall.com/acc_knives.htm)
2. Any medium/coarse toothed comb (Greyhound are very good, but pricy)  
[http://www.groomersmall.com/accessories\\_combs.htm](http://www.groomersmall.com/accessories_combs.htm)  
OR  
<http://www.petedge.com/product/Grooming-Tools/Combs-Brushes-Rakes/Combs/Master-Grooming-Tools-Grooming-Combs/pc/214/c/276/sc/479/46284.uts>

3. Large pin brush  
[http://www.groomersmall.com/acc\\_brushes.htm#pinbrushes](http://www.groomersmall.com/acc_brushes.htm#pinbrushes)  
OR  
<http://www.petedge.com/product/Grooming-Tools/Combs-Brushes-Rakes/Brushes/1-All-Systems-Pin-Brush-Large/pc/214/c/276/>

Not too long ago no self respecting terrier person would have used a pin brush. He would have used a palm pad (brush) specifically made for a terrier's wiry coat. Sadly, these brushes are not made with the same precision and quality they once were, but this one comes darn close and is still a good buy.

[http://www.cherrybrook.com/index.cfm/a/catalog.prodShow/vid/405712/vname/Terrier\\_Palm\\_Pad\\_Colors\\_vary\\_and\\_may\\_not\\_be\\_as\\_pictured](http://www.cherrybrook.com/index.cfm/a/catalog.prodShow/vid/405712/vname/Terrier_Palm_Pad_Colors_vary_and_may_not_be_as_pictured)

4. Scissors:

When it comes to shears, often you get what you pay for. I prefer using thinning shears for finishing work, but you must also have a basic pair of straight edged shears for trimming ears and pads of feet. Pet Edge has a huge selection of shears from which to choose and for every budget.

<http://www.petedge.com/category/Grooming-Tools/Shears/pc/214/279.uts?N=2405&Ns=&view=9>

5. Nail trimming:

You will also want to have a pair of nail trimmers and styptic powder

<http://www.petedge.com/category/Grooming-Tools/Nail-Care/pc/214/501.uts?N=3010&Ns=&view=9>

6. Grooming Powder often helps you get a grip on the hair and SPEED up the stripping process! Do you need it? No. Does it help? Yes.

[http://www.cherrybrook.com/index.cfm/a/catalog.prodshow/vid/343176/catid/236/vname/Ring\\_5\\_Hard\\_White\\_Powder](http://www.cherrybrook.com/index.cfm/a/catalog.prodshow/vid/343176/catid/236/vname/Ring_5_Hard_White_Powder)

[Ring\\_5\\_Hard\\_White\\_Powder](http://www.cherrybrook.com/index.cfm/a/catalog.prodshow/vid/343176/catid/236/vname/Ring_5_Hard_White_Powder)

### GET THOSE PUPPIES READY!

CATC member **Jim Brennan** has agreed to judge Airedale puppy sweeps at Great Western Terrier Association in June of next year, so let's turn out all the puppies we've heard about and give him a lot to look at.

## Twelve Tips of Christmas Holiday Pet Care and Safety Tips

With decorations strung across the mantle, mistletoe & finger licking dishes galore. Not to mention tree's a glow and beautifully adorned with glistening ornaments you & your pet are sure to get in the Holiday spirit. However, festive eye catching decorations are bound to catch the playful attention of the family pet. Whiskers can't resist climbing great heights to bat at the fragile tree ornaments, while Fido can't resist the fun urge to use them as chew toys. But what's really on your dogs mind & stomach is his hankering appetite for the Christmas ham. Tis is the time for season's eating!

We have all heard Christmas horror stories of a Christmas tree being knocked over by a rambunctious dog running through the room or playing tug of wool with a string of lights. Of course, your dog always wins leaving the tree & decorations toppling down. **TIMBER!!** Or perhaps, your Christmas dinner has fallen victim to your pups hungry appetite leaving your empty stomach growling for leftovers, but there aren't any. No one wants these scenarios being played out or repeated again this year!

So, we were so happy to come across a wonderful insightful Christmas article that gives tips on having a safe, healthy, happy and festive Holiday with the loving pets in our lives. Let the countdown begin! The Twelve days of Christmas isn't complete without the "twelve pet tips of Christmas" to help keep your dog and cat safe during the eventful holiday season.

1. Anticipate your guest's arrivals and confine your dog to prevent it from escaping or worse yet "soiling" your guest's clothes with an unwanted jump.

2. Reduce your dog's stress by maintaining its regular feeding and exercise routine. Develop a routine for your dog during holiday parties. A special treat in a special room of your house works well.

3. Put packages out of reach! Dogs who smell food in a package will rip it open. Food is the number one holiday hazard for dogs. The foods that we eat can cause havoc on an animal's intestines. Put away children's toys after they are opened. Ingested toys can cause choking and may have to be removed through surgery.

4. Tell guests not to share indulgences with your pet. Poultry skin, fat trimmings, rich gravies, and buttery sauces can cause severe vomiting, diarrhea, or even worse, a life threatening inflammation of the pancreas. Also, remember that an ounce of alcoholic beverage can put a small dog into a coma.

5. Stow chocolate candy or baking ingredients out of reach. Chocolate is the most common toxicity treat during the holidays. Small amounts cause problems. Larger amounts can cause above normal heart rhythms, nervous system malfunctions, and even death. Secure your garbage in bins with tight lids. (This is a good habit to get into all year!) A dog can chew up holiday garbage, which can result in intestinal problems.

6. Buy only decorating products that are labeled non-toxic.

7. Secure large trees to the wall to prevent tipping, or consider a smaller tree that can fit on a tabletop.

8. Remember that stomach problems can be caused by popcorn and gumdrops. Avoid using these strings of edible decorations.

9. Fasten all your tree decorations securely, with the more fragile ones at the top. Dogs who chew these can suffer cuts in their mouth from broken ornaments.

10. Return paper and other gift wrapping materials to their storage places after gift wrapping is finished.

11. Place holiday plants out of reach and vacuum often. Poinsettia can cause drooling, oral pain, and vomiting. Mistletoe causes vomiting, labored breathing, shock, and death from cardiovascular collapse. When animals eat the needles from real or fake trees, they can also get intestinal blockage.

12. Display candles on high shelves to avoid painful burns and singed Whiskers and make sure that cords are tucked out of reach. Electrocutation can put a huge damper on Holiday festivities.

AND

While you are decking the halls and trimming the Christmas tree here are a few ways to make your tree safe for your furry family members.

1. Cover your tree stand with a tree skirt to prevent your pet from drinking the water in the base. This liquid can make your animal sick.

2. Have pet treats on hand to distract your pet away from the tree. The needles can easily get lodged in the animal's throat, making it hard to swallow.

3. Place decorations that contain mistletoe, poinsettias and holly only in high sections of the tree, where your pet will be unable to get the tempting leaves and berries. They can cause heartbeat and blood pressure to drop.

4. Remove strings and ribbons from gifts that are left under the tree. These items may seem like toys to an animal, but can easily choke him or her.

5. Avoid using tinsel, since your dog can choke on it. Also understand that some of the older tinsel contains lead.

6. Remember not to use chocolate ornaments if there's a chance that your pet could pull them off. An ingredient called theobromine can have a toxic effect on dogs.

7. Tape the electrical cords of your Christmas tree lights to the wall so your pet won't chew them.

Scramblaire Winter

By Linda Botts-Brennan

This word puzzle is similar to the “Jumbles” found in many newspapers. You unscramble the words/phrases; then using the highlighted letters, you solve the puzzle. The theme for this puzzle is the fun day described in the last issue. All clues and the solution use letters from that event. The needed letters for the solutions are highlighted in bold print.

Clues:

Not like ones at the Kentucky Derby

**S A C R E** \_\_\_\_\_

With so many dogs and people, things can get ?

**N Y S I O** \_\_\_\_\_

These make some dogs cute

**E M C S T U O S** \_\_\_\_\_

Hard to decide whether people or dogs enjoy these more

**A S E M G** \_\_\_\_\_

Solution: CATC Fun Days can create happy ones. \_\_\_\_\_

**INTERESTING NEW PRODUCT AVAILABLE FOR ANXIOUS DOGS**

Does your dog become anxious about thunder, separation or trips to the vet? A new product – the Thundershirt – is now widely available in a variety of sizes. Like a snug tee shirt, it has the effect of minimizing anxiety in many dogs. Although the veterinarian world is not sure just why it works, its effects are well-documented at several vet schools. We even found them at our local feed and pet supply store here in Petaluma. The clerk there said they had a “run” on them when an article (from *News & Observer*) ran in the local paper. You can also order through [Thundershirt.com](http://Thundershirt.com).

Answer on page 14



Deirdre Hernandez, Virginia Smith and Australian Guest, David Barclay visit local winery’s

## Book Review

Linda D. Botts-Brennan

*Rin Tin Tin*

*The Life and The Legend*

Susan Orlean

Simon & Schuster

“A dog can make you feel complete without ever expecting much in return.”

There were so many levels by which to enjoy this incredibly readable book, it was difficult to know just where to begin this review. First of all is the improbable and incredible story of Rinty, as his owner, Lee Duncan, and the author referred to him. Discovered by Duncan (an American airplane mechanic) as a near-newborn in a bombed-out kennel on a deserted 1918 French battlefield, with his dam and littermates, Rinty's life was from start to finish a miracle of sorts. The fact that he ended up in the US (with a sibling named Nanette) is an amazing side story in itself, as is the bewildering fact that he was buried in France.

The bond between Duncan and Rinty is beyond endearing – they met young, had both been briefly orphaned and in need of love. Rinty was trained as a pet with love and kindness, not as a “performer.” Rinty's start in the movies was a sheer accident, the result of Duncan's friend experimenting with making movies of dogs at a show (which Rinty won, despite being a questionable example of the breed). To win, he leapt an incredibly tall barrier and “celebrated” by jumping over the heads of the judges. Rinty's amazing athleticism and ability to project emotion made him a natural for silent movies. He starred in twenty-two silent movies, only one of which is extant and eight “talkies.” He became a national (and international) icon for American strength, loyalty and bravery. Throughout his life and of those Rinties that followed, designated with Roman numerals I through XII despite not being of the same blood lines, his owner and those others responsible for his commercial success made certain those values were not trivialized. Although, the various Rinties made a great deal of money for their owner and Rinty was treated as royalty when traveling for public appearances, Lee Duncan was generous about Rinty appearing free at venues where those who otherwise might not have met Rinty could see him – nursing homes, Boy Scout gatherings, and orphanages, perhaps a testimonial to Duncan's belief in the values Rinty represented.

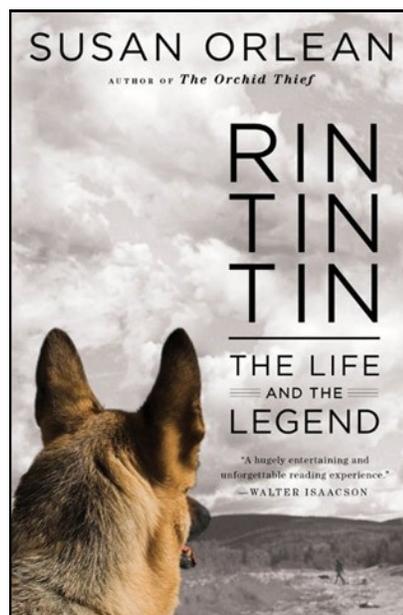
The backdrop for the legend spans much of the twentieth century – the sordid, seamy days of early Hollywood and later, television and includes a number of bizarre characters. By the days of television, Duncan was close to producer Bert Leonard (also of “Route 66” fame). Despite the upheavals of the century – the “industrial revolution” (in which animals, especially dogs but also horses, were seen less as work-mates and more as pets or companions), the Great Depression, World War II, etc.) – Rinty was a money-maker. His movies and TV series remained popular until the fifties. Both Duncan and Leonard generated and lost several fortunes (and wives) from their association with the world of Rin Tin Tin. In fact, the first Rinty was

named as co-respondent in a divorce suit; Duncan's about-to-be ex-wife declared that Lee “loved Rinty more than she and her horses.”

One of the more moving side stories concerned the use of dogs as war time support. Although, Germany, Great Britain and Japan had formal training programs for that purpose, the US did not, and the call for American civilians to volunteer family pets for war-time use by US personnel was successful. Before that war, the AKC had refused consideration of obedience as part of sanctioned shows. Nevertheless, Blanche Sanders (who had long pressured the AKC to do so) was recognized for her training methods and was the first director of dog training for US troops.

Ms. Orlean (already a published author and editor for “The New Yorker” with a polished and clear writing style) had her own personal reason for a fascination with Rin Tin Tin, but this is not a sentimental book nor a promotion for a particular breed. Countless hours (and probably a ton of money) went into her research and it's impossible to touch on all of the fascinating characters that contribute to the Rinty legend. The book is also full of the author's insights and impressions about the bond between dogs and their companions and the nature of dogs in general. She has some very thought-provoking commentary about how the general popularity of any breed lionized by the media can affect opinions and popularity of certain breeds (think about Dalmatians, Lassie, Spuds Mackenzie, et al) and breeder and buyer definition of breed standards. This review begins and ends with comments by Ms. Orlean that impressed the reviewer. It was such a compelling book I read it rather hurriedly at first, but intend to read it again – in fact, I loaned to a friend who had the same experience. It is a book I will loan only to someone I am totally certain will give it back. I consider it a “must-read” for dog lovers and a “must-keep” for my library.

“The lesson we have yet to learn from dogs, that could sustain us, is that having no apprehension of the past or future is not limiting but liberating.”



## Six new breeds debut at Westminster 2012

Six breeds will be making their Westminster debuts in 2012 now that they have been recognized by the American Kennel Club and made eligible for competition in conformation shows.



### **AMERICAN ENGLISH COONHOUND (Hound Group)**

The American English Coonhound evolved from Virginia Hounds, descendants of English Foxhounds. Originally these hounds were used to hunt fox by day and raccoons by night and were named the English Fox and Coonhound. Today's American English Coonhound is a wide-ranging hunter that possesses tremendous speed and endurance, and excellent voice. A strong and graceful athlete, he needs regular exercise to stay in peak shape. The breed's hard, protective coat is of medium length and can be red and white ticked, blue and white ticked, tri-colored with ticking, red and white, and white and black. The breed is pleasant, alert, confident and sociable with both humans and dogs.



### **CESKY TERRIER (Terrier Group)**

The Cesky Terrier was developed to be a well-muscled, short legged and well-pigmented hunting terrier that could be worked in packs. The Cesky Terrier has natural drop ears and a natural tail. The Cesky is longer than it is tall and has a topline that rises slightly higher over the loin and rump. It sports a soft, long, silky coat in shades of gray from Charcoal to Platinum. The correct coat is clipped to emphasize a slim impression. The hallmarks of the breed should be unique unto itself with a lean body and graceful movement. They are reserved towards strangers, loyal to their owners, but ever keen and alert during the hunt.



### **ENTLEBUCHER MOUNTAIN DOG (Herding Group)**

The Entlebucher Mountain Dog is a native of Switzerland, and the smallest of the four Swiss breeds. A medium-sized drover, he has a short, tri-colored coat with symmetrical markings. Purpose and heritage have resulted in an unusually intense bonding between the Entlebucher and his master. Prized for his work ethic and ease of training, he can transform from a high-spirited playmate to a serious, self-assured dog of commanding presence. The Entlebucher should not be considered a breed for the casual owner. The guardian traits of this breed require thorough socialization, and he will remain an active, energetic dog for his entire lifetime.



### **FINNISH LAPPHUND (Herding Group)**

The Finnish Lapphund is a reindeer herding dog from the northern parts of Scandinavia. The breed is thought to have existed for hundreds, if not thousands, of years, as the helper dog of the native tribes. In modern day, Lapphunds are popular as family pets in their native Finland. They are devoted to their family, friendly with all people, highly intelligent and eager to learn. The dogs have a thick, dense coat that comes in a variety of colors and beautiful, soft, expressive faces. They are strong but very agile.



#### **NORWEGIAN LUNDEHUND (Non-Sporting Group)**

The Norwegian Lundehund – or Puffin Dog -- spent centuries on the rocky cliffs and high fields of arctic Norway hunting and retrieving puffin birds, an important meat and feather crop to local farmers. Uniquely equipped for their task, this little Spitz-type dog has at least six toes on each foot for stability in the near vertical environs where puffins nest. A flexible skeletal structure enables the dog to squirm out of tight spots or spread-eagle to prevent slips and falls. Lundehunds have a protective double coat, reddish-brown, often with white collar and feet and a white tip on the tail. Today puffin birds are protected and the puffin dog has taken up its new role as an alert, cheerful and somewhat mischievous companion.

#### **XOLOITZCUINTLI (Non-Sporting Group)**

The Xoloitzcuintli - "show-low" as it is commonly called - is the national dog of Mexico. Previously known as the Mexican Hairless, it comes in three sizes as well as a coated version - seen in the show ring only in the US and Canada. These dogs descend from hairless dogs prized by the Aztecs and revered as guardians of the dead. Over 400 years later, these dogs were still to be found in the Mexican jungles. Shaped by the environment rather than by man, their keen intelligence, trainability and natural cleanliness have made them a unique and valued pet today.

What are the benefits to owning a purebred dog?

There are many special benefits to owning a purebred. At the top of the list are matters of predictability and reliability. Purebred dogs are the result of a long process of selective breeding for specific physical attributes and temperaments. When you buy a purebred puppy you know what to expect as far as size, amount and type of coat, and temperament in the grown dog.

When considering a purebred dog it is possible to narrow down the choices to those that most clearly fit your personal lifestyle and interests. For example, will the dog be good with children? Will you have the time to groom and exercise the dog properly? If you buy a dog with qualities you want it's more likely you'll be a responsible owner.

A good purebred breeder will tell you why his or her breed is not for everyone and help guide you to a breed more suited to your lifestyle. These breeders also have the experience to give puppies the care and nurturing they need at critical early stages. This not only insures you'll have a healthy puppy, but that the puppy is much less likely to develop into a difficult or impossible adult.

As an advocate for all dogs and dog owners, AKC will launch a special Mixed Breed Listing program in the fall of 2009. This service will allow owners of mixed breeds participate in standalone AKC Agility, Obedience, and Rally trials.

**Westminster Dog Show**  
**Monday and Tuesday, February 13-14, 2012**  
**Madison Square Garden**

**Qualifying top 5 Airedale Terriers to receive invitations:**

GCH CH Brisline's Goforit Energizer Bunny - Owner: Georgia McRae & Carol Reynolds & Helen J Piperis & Barbara Fakkema.,  
GCH CH Darbywood's Unstoppable - Owner: Jean Surfus.  
GCH CH Epoch's Time Bandit - Owners: Douglas & Aletta Moore  
GCH CH Stirling Made Of Honor - Owner: Thomas Dilworth & Jeannie Dilworth  
GCH CH Victorianne Crimson Sentry - Owners Edna Jonck & Anne Curtis & Jamie Koskowski

**Entry limited to 2000 Champions Only Dogs**

Individual breed judging will take place each day between the hours of 8:00AM and 6PM.

All Hound, Toy, Non-Sporting and Herding breeds and varieties will be judged on Monday, with those **Groups** judged on Monday evening.

All Sporting, Working, and Terrier breeds and varieties will be judged on Tuesday, with those **Groups** judged on Tuesday evening.

Best In Show will also be judged on Tuesday evening.

**Broadcast Information :**

The Hound, Toy, Non-Sporting, and Herding group competition will be televised live Monday on **USA Network** from 8-9 PM

ET and continuing on **CNBC** from 9-11 PM ET. The Sporting, Working, Terrier, and Best In Show competition will be televised live Tuesday on **USA Network** from 8-11 PM ET.

Breed judging highlight videos are available throughout the day on Monday and Tuesday on the Westminster Web site. These highlights will be available after the show, as well.

**To our West Coast viewers:** Please note that the West Coast telecast is delayed for your time zone. Since results are posted to our Web site as they occur live, if you want to enjoy the drama of the moment, please avoid the Westminster Web site [www.westminsterkennelclub.org](http://www.westminsterkennelclub.org) after 5 p.m. Pacific Time on each evening.

**Judges for TERRIER BREEDS:**

**Mrs. Virginia Latham Smith**, CA: Airedale Terriers, Glen of Imaal Terriers, Lakeland Terriers, Miniature Schnauzers, Sealyham Terriers, Skye Terriers, Soft-Coated Wheaten Terriers, Standard Manchester Terriers, West Highland White Terriers.

Mr. Peter Green, PA: American Staffordshire Terriers, Australian Terriers, Bull Terriers (both Varieties), Irish Terriers, Kerry Blue Terriers, Miniature Bull Terriers, Staffordshire Bull Terriers, Welsh Terriers.

Mr. Robert Hutton, KY: Bedlington Terriers, Border Terriers, Cairn Terriers, Cesky Terrier, Dandie Dinmont Terriers, Smooth Fox Terriers, Wire Fox Terriers, Scottish Terriers.

Mr. Jon Cole, TN: Norfolk Terriers, Norwich Terriers, Parson Russell Terriers.

Terrier Group Judge **Mr. William F. Potter** MO, Terrier

*Dear Editor,*

**Letter to the Editor!**

*In the last issue of Aire-ing the News was a picture of "Katy catching a piece of hot dog," where actually it is Gypsy Kubiak, catching the hot dog with her ears flying, trying to catch up to Pippi. (Katy hasn't obtained this art yet.) When telling an acquaintance about the hot dog contest, she mistook that it was a hot dog eating contest, now Katy probably would win that! Carol Kubiak ~*

## Fun Westminster Facts and Figures

- The Westminster Kennel Club was established in 1877, making it **America's oldest organization dedicated to the sport of purebred dogs.**
- First held in 1877, the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show is **America's second-longest continuously held sporting event**, behind only the Kentucky Derby..
- Westminster **pre-dates the invention of the light bulb and the automobile**, the building of the Brooklyn Bridge and the Washington Monument, the invention of basketball and the establishment of the World Series.
- Since Westminster held its first show 133 years ago, there have been **25 men elected president and 12 states have joined the Union.** The dog show has outlasted three previous versions of Madison Square Garden, and is currently being staged in MSG IV.
- The **first telecast** of Westminster was in 1948, three years before "I Love Lucy" premiered. In 2005, **streaming video** with same day coverage of breed judging highlights was made available for the first time on the Westminster web site ([www.westminsterkennelclub.org](http://www.westminsterkennelclub.org)). It was an immediate and huge hit.
- A portion of the proceeds from Westminster's first show in 1877 was donated to the **American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA)** to establish a home for stray and disabled animals.
- The **Empire State Building** first honored Westminster by lighting its tower in the Westminster colors of purple and gold in 2004 and will do so again in 2011.
- There have been a total of **299,024 dogs** entered in Westminster's 134 shows through 2010
- Through the 2010 show, there have been **1,673 judges** who have officiated at least once at Westminster, some as many as 23 times, at Westminster.
- Two dogs have won Best In Show at both Westminster and Crufts in Birmingham, England, each of them winning at the English show before coming to the America: the Lakeland Terrier, **Ch. Stingray of Derryabah** (Crufts 1967, WKC 1968) and the Kerry Blue Terrier, **Ch. Torums Scarf Michael** (Crufts 2000, WKC 2003).
- Only one time has the offspring of a Best In Show winner duplicated the feat. In 2000, the English Springer Spaniel **Ch. Salilyn N' Erin's Shameless** repeated the 1993 BIS accomplishment of her sire, **Ch. Salilyn's Condor.**
- Two Best In Show winners, Norwich Terriers, had the same sire: 1994's **Ch. Chidley's Willum the Conqueror** and 1998's **Ch. Fairewood Frolic** were offspring (half brother/sister) of Ch. Royal Rock Don of Chidley
- The Papillon, **Ch. Loteki Supernatural Being ("Kirby")**, is the only dog to capture Best In Show at the World Dog Show (1998 in Helsinki) and Best In Show at Westminster (1999).
- In 2009, Ch. Clussexx Three D Grinchy Glee, a Sussex Spaniel, became the **oldest** dog to capture Best In Show at 10 years, 2 months and 9 days of age in 2009. The **youngest** winner was the Rough Collie, Laund Loyalty of Bellhaven, who captured the award in 1929 at the age of exactly 9 months.

- Westminster was established in 1877, pre-dating the founding of the governing body of the sport, the American Kennel Club, which was established in 1884.
- In 1884, The Westminster Kennel Club became the first member of the American Kennel Club.
- Invited Entries

**1876 (or earlier)** - A group of sporting gentlemen meet regularly in the bar of a Manhattan hotel to trade stories about their shooting accomplishments and the talents of their dogs. Eventually they form a club and name it after their favorite hotel: The Westminster Breeding Association. Early on, the club owns a kennel and raises Pointers for hunting and field trials.

**1876** - The Westminster Breeding Association helps stage a dog show in Philadelphia in celebration of America's centennial. The show is such a success that the members decide to hold their own dog show to allow them to compare their dogs in a setting away from the field. The members change the name of their organization to the Westminster Kennel Club.

**1877** - The First Annual New York Bench Show of Dogs, given under the auspices of the Westminster Kennel Club, is held in the Hippodrome at Gilmore's Garden in New York City, drawing an entry of 1,201 dogs.

The club pays rent of \$1,500 for three days, adding a fourth day during the show to accommodate the overwhelming public interest. The proceeds from that fourth day are donated to the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Dogs are listed in the catalog as "not for sale" or for sale at prices which range from \$50 to \$10,000.



## Kitchen Cabinet

Nancy Strohmaier

### Frosty Pear Tree

Freeze canned pears - 3 cans (reserve light syrup); place pears on parchment or waxed paper and freeze in freezer. Cut into chunks and store in a plastic bag until ready to use.

Frozen pears (from 3 cans in light syrup)

- 8 oz. light syrup (from canned pears)
- 4 oz. vodka
- 1 oz. lemon juice
- salt to taste
- cinnamon to taste
- In a blender, blend all ingredients until smooth, serve in a chilled cocktail glass. Garnish with a sprig of rosemary or cinnamon stick. Serves 2

### Jolly Santa

Ice

- 2 oz. vodka
- 1 oz. triple sec
- 2 oz. cranberry juice
- 2 oz. cherry juice
- 4-6 fresh raspberries
- champagne or sparkling wine

Fill cocktail shaker with ice, add first four liquids and shake vigorously. Fill fluted champagne glasses about 2/3 full with mixture. Add a few raspberries and top with champagne or sparkling wine. Serves 2

## An Eight-Week Airedale Puppy

Written by the Jazz Band singers

Debut 12/25/08, Hollister, Ca.

Sung to the tune A Partridge in a Pear Tree

On the first day of Christmas, my true love gave to me:  
An eight-week Airedale puppy.  
On the second day of Christmas, my true love gave to me:  
Two X pens,  
On the third day of Christmas, my true love gave to me:  
Three clipper blades,  
On the fourth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me:  
Four Pet Co cards,  
On the fifth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me:  
Five poop bags!  
On the sixth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me:  
Six training manuals,  
On the seventh day of Christmas, my true love gave to me:  
Seven obedience lessons,  
On the eighth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me:  
Eight greenie chew bones,  
On the ninth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me:  
Nine sacks of kibble,  
On the tenth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me:  
Ten braided leashes,  
On the eleventh day of Christmas, my true love gave to me:  
Eleven squeaky dog toys,  
On the twelfth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me:  
Twelve grooming hours,

**Prevent Frostbite** . Frostbite is injury to tissue that occurs when an animal is exposed to freezing temperatures (often accompanied by moisture or high winds). Keep your pet warm by providing warm bedding indoors. Minimize exposure to cold temperatures, especially for pets that are used to being primarily in warm climates or indoors.

### How often should you bath your dog?

That all depends on your pet.

Factors include: his hair coat, hair length, how often he gets dirty, where he lives (if he is indoor or outdoors most of the time), shedding cycle, and any underlying skin problem (please see our related article, "Top Medical Reasons for Grooming Your Dog").

Some dogs need baths only a couple times year while others need weekly grooming. It is beneficial to brush your dog about twice a week. Bathing your dog every month or two isn't unreasonable, but some dogs will need more frequent cleanings.

A good rule of thumb is to bathe your pet only when his coat gets dirty or begins to smell "doggy."

## AKC Exhibitor News

### Four-to-Six Month Puppy

The Four-to-Six Month Puppy competition will be open to dogs that are at least four months of age but under six months on the day of the event. Classes will be offered for AKC recognized breeds and varieties as well as Miscellaneous and FSS breeds. Professional handlers are not permitted to exhibit in this class.

Entrants in the Four-to-Six Month Puppy class will compete for Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed. Group and Best in Show Puppy competition will also be offered.

Four-to-Six Month Puppy competition will take place in a separate ring(s) from the regular class judging in order to avoid delays in the judging of regular classes. Classes will not be divided by sex in this competition.

### Open Show

An Open Show is an informal American Kennel Club sanctioned conformation event at which dog clubs, judges, stewards, and exhibitors and their dogs gain experience needed for licensed events.

All-breed clubs must offer classes for all registerable breeds and varieties and for purebred dogs of any breed eligible for entry in the Miscellaneous Class and all FSS recordable breeds.

#### Classes offered include:

- 4-6 Month Puppy Class
- 6-9 Month Puppy Class
- 9-12 Month Puppy Class
- Open Class

Licensed and member clubs may hold two sanctioned Open Shows each year in addition to their two championship shows.

## Certificate of Merit (CM)

Certificate of Merit points can be earned in the Four-to-Six Month Puppy class at a regular all-breed or specialty show, at an Open Show and in Miscellaneous classes. The Certificate of Merit, a suffix title, requires 15 points awarded in accordance with the following point structure.

#### Dogs Competing Points

- 2 1
- 4 2
- 8 3
- 12 4
- 16 5

### AKC Owner/Handler Series

The AKC Owner/Handler Series will showcase owner handled dogs at well attended dog shows geographically distributed across the country. The AKC Owner/Handler competition will be conducted following Best of Breed judging in each breed ring. All dogs in the BOB competition (including WD & WB) will stay in the ring after the judge makes their placements in BOB competition. The ring steward will ask all professional handlers to leave the ring and then judge will then select the Best Owner Handler (BOH).

**For the complete rules and regulations for the Four-to-Six Month Puppy Class, Open Show and Owner/Handler Competition, please [visit here](#). The regulations begin on page 13.**

**If you have questions about hosting these events, please the AKC Events department at (919) 816-3514 or [glt@akc.org](mailto:glt@akc.org).**

## Scramblaire

Words: Races, Noisy, Costumes, Games  
Solution: Memories

Be careful not to feed your dog pieces of leftover turkey and especially not turkey skin. Because of the high fat content, it could potentially cause pancreatitis in dogs. Preparing the turkey as recommended in these recipes is a much healthier way for your pet to enjoy it.

Acute pancreatitis results from sudden inflammation of the pancreas and is characterized by activation of pancreatic enzymes that can cause the pancreas to begin digesting itself. The pancreas lies in the upper abdomen alongside the first portion of the small intestine (called the duodenum) and between the stomach, liver and right kidney. It produces bicarbonate to neutralize stomach acid and several enzymes that facilitate digestion.

The cause of acute pancreatitis is poorly understood. Predisposing causes include obesity, high fat diet, liver disease, infection and recent abdominal surgery. For unknown reasons, miniature schnauzers tend to be predisposed to pancreatitis.

Acute pancreatitis can range in severity from mild to life-threatening. The body's reaction (systemic reaction) to the inflammation often determines the severity and prognosis.

Recurrent bouts of acute pancreatitis can lead to chronic pancreatitis and may contribute to other disorders such as diabetes mellitus or exocrine pancreatic insufficiency.

#### **What to Watch For:**

Loss of appetite, Lethargy, Vomiting, Abdominal pain, Diarrhea, Fever, Weakness

# CATC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS and TITLE PINS

Presented at the Dec 10, 2011 General Meeting  
Georgia McRae

Achievement Awards and Title Pins were presented at the General Meeting (Dec 10, 2011) to the owners of the following Airedales. Each of these Airedales attained the title of Champion, Grand Champion, or the indicated Obedience, Agility, or Rally title, which was published in the July 2011 through November 2011 issues of the AKC Awards publication.

## Conformation Titles

### *Champion (CH) Achievement Award Medal and Purple Title Pin* **CH Stirling Joie De Vie** (bitch)

Published September 2011, Completed 7/23/11  
(Ch. Stirling Skeandhu ex Ch. Stirling Legend Of Glory)  
Breeders: Dr. Shirley R. Good and Susan S. Rodgers  
Owners: Deirdre Hernandez and Virginia Latham-Smith

### *Grand Champion (GCH) Achievement Award Medal and Purple Title Pin*

**GCH CH Hoorah Ferocious Gentleman Branch** (dog)  
Published September 2011, Completed 7/17/11  
(Ch. Brisline's West Coast Offense x Ch. Terrydale HK Artieall The Time) Breeders: Kayla L. Kurucz and Aaron Gomez  
Owners: Kaya L. Kurucz and Aaron Gomez

### *Grand Champion (GCH) Achievement Award Medal and Purple Title Pin*

**GCH CH Terrific Chairman Of The Board** (dog)  
Published September 2011, Completed 7/9/11  
(Ch. Greenfield's Celtic Legend x Ch. Terrific Happy Thoughts)  
Breeders: Virginia Latham Smith and Deirdre Hernandez  
Owner: Deirdre Hernandez

### *Champion (CH) Achievement Award Medal and Purple Title Pin* **CH Brisline's Yorkshire Rose Of Kairk** (bitch)

Published October 2011, Completed 8/13/11  
(Ch. Brisline's Running Back Roger x Ch. Brisline's Exquisite)  
Breeders: Georgia I. McRae and Devon Allen  
Owners: Georgia I. McRae and Devon Allen

## Obedience Titles

### *Obedience Master 1 (OM1) Achievement Award Medal and Green Title Pin*

**CH Plum Perfect's All That Jazz UD OM1 RN OAP OJP** (dog)  
Published July 2011, Completed 5/21/11  
(Ch. Tartan Scottshire's Scofield x Ch. Brisline's Plum Perfect UD RN) Breeders: Suzanne Tharpe and Georgia I. McRae  
Owner: Christine Hyde

### *Obedience Master 8 (OM8) Achievement Award Medal and Green Title Pin*

**CH OTCH Brisline Plumperfect Unforgettable UDX7 OM8 RA** (bitch) Published July 2011, Completed 5/20/11  
(Ch. Terrydale HK Shaireab Log On ex Ch. Brisline's Plum Perfect UD RN) Breeders: Suzanne Tharpe and Georgia McRae  
Owners: Suzanne Tharpe and Georgia McRae

### *Beginner Novice (BN) Achievement Award Medal and Green Title Pin*

**CH. Goforit Spunky Shiraz BN RE** (bitch)  
Published July 2011, Completed 5/22/11  
(Ch. Brisline's Running Back Roger ex Windward Tosca)  
Breeders: James Brennan and Helen Piperis  
Owners: Nancy Strohmaier and William Strohmaier

### *Beginner Novice (BN) Achievement Award Medal and Green Title Pin*

**GCH CH Windancers' A Tahitian Pearl BN** (bitch)  
Published July 2011, Completed 5/28/11  
(Ch. Evermay's High Performance ex CH Goforit Spunky Shiraz BN RE) Breeders: Nancy Strohmaier and William Strohmaier  
Owners: Nancy Strohmaier and William Strohmaier

### *Graduate Novice (GN) Achievement Award Medal and Green Title Pin*

**Brisline's X-Static For Kimerik CD GN RN** (bitch)  
Published July 2011, Completed 5/14/11  
(Ch. Evermay's High Performance ex CH Brisline Plumperfect Uptown Girl) Breeders: Georgia I. McRae and Suzanne Tharpe  
Owners: Kimber Smith and Georgia I. McRae

### *Graduate Novice (GN) Achievement Award Medal and Green Title Pin*

**Brisline's Plum Perfect Xanadu CD GN RA** (bitch)  
Published August 2011, Completed 6/26/11  
(Ch. Evermay's High Performance ex CH Brisline Plumperfect Uptown Girl) Breeders: Georgia I. McRae and Suzanne Tharpe  
Owner: Suzanne Tharpe

### *Utility Dog Excellent (UDX) Achievement Award Medal and Green Title Pin*

**CH Plum Perfect's All That Jazz UDX OM1 RN AXP OJP** (dog)  
Published September 2011, Completed 7/15/11  
(Ch. Tartan Scottshire's Scofield ex CH Brisline's Plum Perfect UD RN) Breeders: Suzanne Tharpe and Georgia I. McRae  
Owner: Christine Hyde

## Agility Titles

### *Agility Excellent Preferred (AXP) Achievement Award Medal and Orange Title Pin*

**CH Plum Perfect's All That Jazz UD OM1 RN AXP OJP** (dog)  
Published August 2011, Completed 6/4/11  
(Ch. Tartan Scottshire's Scofield ex Ch. Brisline's Plum Perfect UD RN) Breeders: Suzanne Tharpe and Georgia I. McRae  
Owner: Christine Hyde

## Rally Titles

### *Rally Novice (RN) Achievement Award Medal and Red Title Pin* **GCH CH Windancers' A Tahitian Pearl BN RN** (bitch)

Published July 2011, Completed 5/29/11  
(Ch. Evermay's High Performance ex Ch. Goforit Spunky Shiraz BN RE) Breeders: Nancy Strohmaier and William Strohmaier  
Owners: Nancy Strohmaier and William Strohmaier

# CATC Calendar and General Information

## Standing Committee Chairs

2011 Specialty	Patty Gregg
Achievement Awards	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 CoChair
Golden Gate Décor	Carol Reynolds
Historian	Nancy Bridge
Judges Selection	Deirdre Hernandez Devon Allen
Membership/ Subscriptions	Georgia McRae
Newsletter	Patty Gregg
Rally Classes	Nancy Strohmaier
Rescue	Virginia Smith
Sanctioned Match	Linda Vanbibber Kristi Burrus
Sunshine Committee	Helen Piperis
Supported Entry	Chaz Frazier
Del Valle	
Trim & Train	Chairperson needed
Trophies	Kristi Burrus Devon Allen Deirdre Hernandez
Video Library	Carol Jaech
Ways & Means	Lowell Jennings
Website	Devon Allen Steve Hurst

## 2011 CATC Meetings, All Airedalers Invited

February 12, 2011	Home of Virginia & Lee Smith, Acampo
May 7, 2011	Home of Jim and Maxine Shear
August 6, 2011	Home of Helen Piperis
October 15, 2011	TBA
December 10, 2011	TBA

## Board Meetings 2011

January 15, 2011	Home of Virginia Smith
March 12, 2011	Dixon Fun Match
August 20, 2011	Home of Nancy Bougher
November 5, 2011	Home of Angie Shear

## CATC Activities 2011

Trim and Train	Chairperson Needed
Rally, Obedience Classes	Chairperson Needed
Sanctioned Match	Saturday, June 4, 2011
Fun Day	Saturday, August 13, 2011
2011 Walks	March 19, May 8, July 9, Sept 11, Oct 29

2011 Spring Specialty Weekend	Thursday April 14—Sunday April 17, 2011
4 Conformation Shows	
4 Obedience Competitions	

ATCA National Specialty	October 10—
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## CATC Officers

Deidre Hernandez, President  
 Patricia Gregg, Vice-President  
 Kristi Burrus, Secretary  
 Nancy Bougher, Treasurer

## CATC Directors

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

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