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Another Kind of Champion

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The Los Gatos Airedales and Welsh Terrier friend Winnie are the grand champions for the third consecutive year at Society Dog's Howling Halloween presented by BowWowzer Dog Boutique. Several hundred dogs and their owners participated in this fun event with prizes awarded in several categories.



The Airedales are Rosie (Brisline), 13 years, who lives with Bill and Sally Reagan, Bailey (Brisline), 6 years and Darby (Brisline), 3 years who share their home with Kaye Little and Stephanie Adcock and Winnie (Welsh Terrier), 3 years who resides with Jonathan and Kelly Knowles.

Rosie's ability to walk is limited by her arthritis so for the last two years she has ridden in her theme-decorated wagon. This year the dogs were the Andrew Sisters so Rosie rode in a World War II Army jeep. Sally made little khaki skirts and hats with blonde hair for the dogs. With "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" and other WWII era songs blaring from the Ipod in Rosie's jeep, the terriers paraded down the street with their people who were also dressed in WWII attire.

For the 2008 parade the terriers were dog mummies wrapped in gauze and their people were Egyptologists. In 2007, the Three Amigos won the grand prize.



Goodbye!

For the past 2 years it has been my honor and joy to produce your bi-monthly newsletter. I hope you've enjoyed it as much as I have. Now, though, it's time for me to step aside for our new editor, Patty Gregg, who I will be assisting in very small ways from time to time. I hope you keep sending Patty all of your excellent articles and pictures to share with our community.

Our regular correspondents will be continuing on with Patty, so you will still be reading their entertaining and informative articles in each issue.

Thank you for your support during the past 2 years. It has meant a great deal to me.

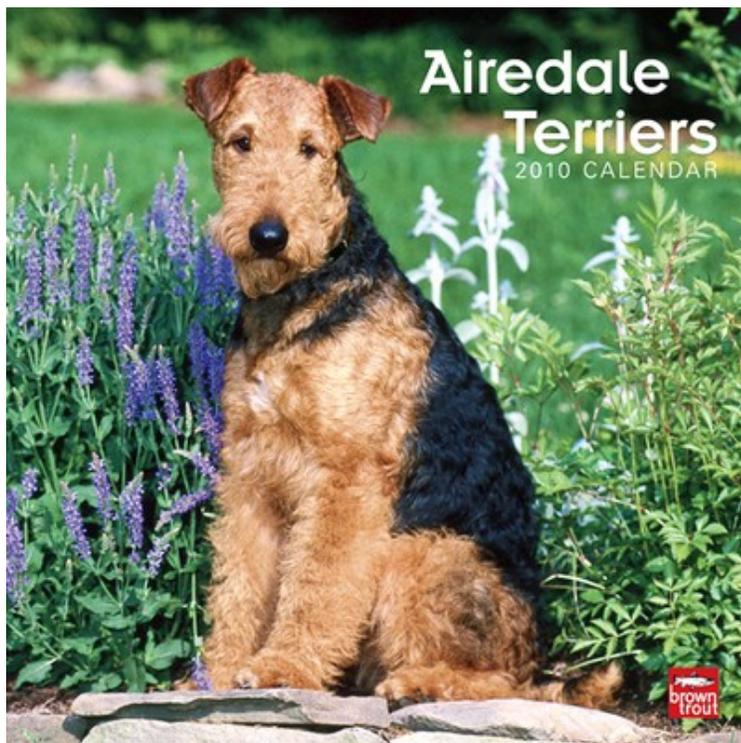
Happy Trails.....



Left to right: Bo, Scarlet, Kris, Kiss

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CATC is currently selling 2010 Browntrout Airedale calendars. These calendars make great gifts for dog groomers, pet sitters, vets, fellow Airedale lovers, and family. Advertise your Airedale ownership at work and start new conversations! Calendars cost \$15 retail; CATC sells them for the bargain price of \$10. Do your holiday shopping and support CATC activities. Reserve yours today by emailing rpyle@razzolink.com. Calendars will be available at fall CATC activities until sold.

Natomas Halloween Dog Walk

by Penny Gowring

The last day of October may not be ideal for a planned walk in Northern California, but there was no need to fear. The morning was dry and bright, if a little brisk. (Thank you Kristi for braving the early morning chill to save our space on the lawn beside the Lake!)

18 Airedales together with their owners and 4 other breeds, a poodle, 2 Welsh Terriers and a Jack Russell Terrier, completed our complement of walkers. The significance of the day was marked by two or three dogs appearing in costume!

Due to inadequacies in signage at the entrance to the park, several walkers had a pre-walk from the aquatic center to Natomas Flat where the walk was to begin. The extra time needed for everyone to amass, also allowed for late-comers to join the throng .

Our trail took us by a back route slightly up hill, on a path by the lake side. The water was tranquil, only rippling slightly as a canoe passed us by. A few joggers pass us on the other side of the path, one or two hailing us with appreciative words for our dogs. Before long we reached the top of the hill, and the majority of us were satisfied that we had walked far enough and were ready for lunch.

Our picnic spot was awaiting us. While we satisfied our appetites, admirers were able to talk to various Airedale owners about the breed. It is interesting how often our Airedale Fun Days and Walks encourage former and perspective owners to appear to find out more about acquiring and owning an Airedale.

This is the first time a club walk has been held in the Sacramento area and the venue was appreciated especially by members who live away from the Peninsula. Thank you to all the bay Area members and friends who took time to join us on our Natomas walk. We hope to have a repeat walk next year.





Have a suggestion
for an Airedale Walk
location?
Let us know!

Join Us....

On the next Airedale
Walk

Date and location
TBD

A Friend for Token

by Anne Benenson

Since the moment of Finnleigh's passing last Christmas Token, (Finnleigh's great nephew) Valenka, our cat and I have felt the huge void created by his death.

There are days when I feel Finnleigh's presence very strongly and am sure that he is still loving, guarding and protecting us from Heaven.

Token is truly a dog's dog, meaning he takes great comfort in having another dog to keep him company. I considered adopting another dog to take Finnleigh's place but didn't really pursue it to any great extent. That is until an email circulated in our local Airedale Terrier Club.

A call went out that a well known breeder of Airedales who lived in PA had passed away and had left 4 or 5 beautiful dogs of varying ages that needed to be placed in loving homes.

I wasn't actively looking for a dog but somehow I found myself calling the number provided to inquire about the dogs needing homes.

Both Finnleigh and Token were born and bred in CA and I was familiar with their bloodlines reaching back several generations.

I spoke with the daughter of the man who passed away and the next thing I knew I had committed to driving to PA with Token to have a look at a 5 ½ year old female over Labor Day Weekend.

It's so out of context for me to make a snap decision to drive out of state to look at a dog especially since I wasn't even considering adopting another dog. All I can say is....I felt like something other worldly had taken over my entire being and was guiding me to this dog.

The short of it is both Token and I fell in love with Peek-A-Boo a rather forlorn looking Airedale and we brought her home to live with us. She had been loved and treated well, but was traumatized by the loss of her owner.

I have often felt that Finnleigh had something to do with bringing Peek-A-Boo to us, even more so as things fell so easily into place. I was prepared to separate the dogs for the long drive home, but they both jumped eagerly into the back seat of my car as if they had known each other forever.

Two months have passed and Peek-A-Boo is thriving in her new home with us but certain things struck a strange note for me that she did which were uncannily Finnleighesque. For instance, the way she insisted on sleeping in Finnleigh's favorite spot and refused to sleep in my bedroom even though Token always slept there.



Finnleigh, like Peek-A-Boo preferred to sleep across the threshold of my bedroom doorway. So, I put a nice cushy bed there for her.

I had the feeling more and more that our family was complete and Finnleigh had a paw in orchestrating it.

One day a couple of months after Peek-A-Boo had totally decided we were her new family I received a long tube in the mail. It was her certificate of pedigree.

I was flabbergasted and in shock when I read her pedigree which was traced back to the 1960's. It was a bittersweet confirmation that Finnleigh really had brought her to us.

You see, it turns out that my precious Finnleigh born and bred in CA was directly related to Peek-A-

Boo born and bred in PA. Peek-A-Boo's Great Grand Father and Finnleigh's Father were the same dog- a prizewinning American and Canadian champion Airedale! All the dogs on her sire's side were common ancestors to both Finnleigh and Token.

My hunch was confirmed Finnleigh was loving and taking care of us and his living relatives from Heaven. He was working on our behalf from the other side to bring comfort and joy to both his ½ sibling and us, his family.

This comfort came in the package of a middle aged dog who had been traumatized by the death of her former owner and needed someone to love and care for her. We are all so happy to welcome her into our fold.



Health, Science and Your Airedale

By Samantha Curran

Caring for our Older Airedales— Health Challenges Part 2 of 3

As a dog ages, signs of potentially serious problems may be overlooked as “normal for an old dog.” If you have a concern about your senior dog, it is better to err on the side of caution and have your dog checked by the veterinarian as soon as possible.



Decreased mobility

and arthritis are often seen in older dogs. Glucosamine and Chondroitin products such as Glyco-flex or Cosequin are excellent for maintaining joint health. If your vet suspects arthritis, he may recommend Rimadyl or an occasional buffered aspirin such as Ascriptin. **Never give your dog ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin), acetaminophen (Tylenol) or Naproxen as these drugs are toxic to dogs.** Use buffered aspirin only in the dosage recommended by your vet.

Older dogs who are inactive will lose muscle mass and tone, just as people do. Exercise is important for older dogs, and several short walks a day are essential for muscle, cardiac and digestive health. These daily walks keep your dog's mind stimulated and engaged in the outside world. Swimming is another good exercise for an older dog. Ramps, elevated feeders and orthopedic beds are indicated for dogs with decreased mobility and pain.

Bad Breath and Bleeding Gums may indicate tartar, gum disease and tooth loss, but may be signs of more serious illness. Oral cancers, kidney disease, diabetes and infections are also causes of bad breath. Check with your vet and schedule a good dental cleaning and annual blood tests to rule out serious illness. Brush your dog's teeth daily or at least weekly.

Change in Weight or Appetite may indicate a serious metabolic problem. If you have an “index of suspicion” that there may be a problem, have your

dog examined by your vet. **An annual blood screening and urinalysis are essential for every dog.** Older dogs' caloric needs generally decrease by about 20% of their adult needs. Most breeders and vets still recommend a high quality, premium adult dog food with protein content of 22-26% for senior dogs, but may limit portions.

The older dog's hair coat may become thinner or lose some of its luster. For this reason, many breeders add fish oil supplements such as Grizzly Salmon Oil or Derm Caps for fatty acid supplementation. The Omega-3 Fatty Acids also promote cardiac health and immunity.

As the **dog's heart ages**, it loses some of its efficiency and cannot pump as much blood in a given amount of time. The valves of the heart, especially the mitral valve, may lose some of their elasticity. This is commonly detected as a heart murmur. Again, your vet will determine the severity of the murmur and will recommend an electrocardiogram (EKG) or an echo electrocardiogram (ECHO-EKG) to diagnose heart disease. There are many good medications available to control heart disease in older dogs.

Changes in urine output and thirst may signal the onset of kidney disease or diabetes. Kidney function can be measured through blood tests and urinalysis. These tests may show the onset of kidney disease before there are any clinical signs. This is why it is so important to have annual and thorough blood and urine screenings of your dogs. Medications are available to limit further destruction of kidney tissue and function.

Urine leakage or spotting or incontinence may be signs of infection, loss of sphincter control, prostate disease or other underlying disease. Increased thirst and urination are also symptoms of **Cushing's Disease**. Other symptoms of Cushing's disease are thin hair coat and skin, pot-bellied appearance and increased appetite. Cushing's disease is caused by excessive production of cortisol, and is due to small tumors in the pituitary or adrenal glands. Again, your vet will determine the cause of the disease and method of treatment.

Female dogs may develop some hardening of the mammary glands due to infiltration of fibrous tissue as they age. **Mammary cancer** is the single most common tumor in the female dog and also the most common malignant one. Older female dogs should have their mammary glands checked as part of their annual physical exam.

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Sudden blindness, hearing loss and head tilt/staggering can be caused by infection, poisoning or cancers, and your vet should be contacted immediately. Some dogs can develop cataracts in a few days with sudden onset diabetes.

Geriatric Vestibular Disease may be caused by a deep inner ear infection. The cause of geriatric vestibular disease is still being debated and is often called idiopathic (no known cause). The older dog suddenly loses balance, orientation and has trouble walking. Basically, vestibular disease is a case of vertigo (severe dizziness). This is very frightening for the dog and his owner, but fortunately the symptoms usually abate and begin to disappear within a week or so even without treatment. Vets often

prescribe antibiotics, and it's a good idea to offer the dog tempting morsels to encourage eating during the affected period.

Deafness is a disturbing problem for owners and dogs. The primary causes of deafness in older dogs are ear infections and drug toxicities. Ear infections or otitis can destroy the bone and tissue structures of the ear that conduct sound and

can destroy neural auditory (hearing) receptors. Deafness may occur with no previous history of ear infections. Such deafness may be caused by the degeneration of hearing receptors in the ear. Treatment of otitis involves administration of the appropriate antibiotic as well as careful cleaning of the ear. Overly vigorous cleaning of the ear can also damage the delicate ear structures. Treatment may eliminate the primary underlying cause, but the damage to the ear structures and therefore the deafness may be permanent.

A table listing the symptoms associated with diseases that may affect older dogs is shown below.

Common Diseases in Older Dogs	Signs and Symptoms	
Cancer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Abnormal swellings that persist or continue to grow ▶ Sores that do not heal ▶ Weight loss ▶ Appetite loss ▶ Bleeding or discharge from any opening 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Offensive odor ▶ Difficulty eating or swallowing ▶ Hesitation to exercise or loss of stamina ▶ Difficulty breathing, urinating or defecating
Dental Disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Bad Breath ▶ Difficulty eating or swallowing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Weight loss
Arthritis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Difficulty rising ▶ Difficulty climbing stairs and/or jumping 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Behavioral changes: irritable, reclusive ▶ House soiling ▶ Loss of Muscle
Kidney Disease/Failure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Increased urination and thirst ▶ Weight loss ▶ Vomiting ▶ Loss of Appetite ▶ Weakness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Pale gums ▶ Diarrhea ▶ Blood in vomit or black, tarry stool ▶ Bad breath and oral ulcers ▶ Behavior changes
Prostate Disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ House soiling ▶ Dribbling urine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Blood in urine
Cataracts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Cloudy appearance in eyes ▶ Bumping into objects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Not retrieving objects
Hypothyroidism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Weight gain ▶ Dry, thin hair coat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Lethargy, depression
Cushing's disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Thin hair coat and skin ▶ Increased thirst and urination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Pot-bellied appearance ▶ Increased appetite
Urinary Incontinence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Urine in bed or area in which pet is sleeping 	
Dry Eye	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Large amounts of yellow-green discharge from eyes 	
Epilepsy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Seizures 	
Gastrointestinal Disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Vomiting ▶ Diarrhea ▶ Loss of appetite 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Loss of weight ▶ Blood in stool ▶ Black and/or tarry stool
Inflammatory Bowel Disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Diarrhea ▶ Vomiting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Mucous or blood in stool ▶ Increased frequency of defecation
Diabetes mellitus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Increased thirst and urination ▶ Weight loss 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Weakness or depression ▶ Vomiting
Obesity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Overweight ▶ Exercise intolerance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Difficulty walking or getting up ▶ Unkempt hair coat, especially in anal area
Mitral Insufficiency/Heart Disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Exercise Intolerance ▶ Coughing, especially at night ▶ Weight loss 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Fainting ▶ Panting
Liver Disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Vomiting ▶ Loss of Appetite 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Behavioral changes ▶ Yellow or Pale Gums
Bladder Stones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Difficulty urinating ▶ Blood in the urine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ May show no signs of disease

MEGA-Scramblaires

by Linda Botts

This word puzzle is similar to the “Jumbles” found in many newspapers. You unscramble the words, then using the highlighted letter(s), you solve the puzzle. All the words and the solution will probably be familiar to readers of this newsletter, although I’ve thrown some “oddballs” in to keep you on your toes. There are also a few longer and more obscure words and clues. All the scrambled words, and the solutions, include the letters D, O and G, but not necessarily in that order. None of the words or the solution is canine-related. A word clue for each scramble and solution is provided. For this end-of-year puzzle there are five scrambles which will complete the sentence shown.

Scramblaire Word 1

- R** S I E G N D O **A** Clue: Great in scope/pompous _____
- T** U O R H D G Clue: Overly dry period _____
- I G R O G **D** **E** S Clue: Upchuck _____
- D L **G** E **O** Clue: Leered at _____

Word 1 Solution, 8 letters Clue: Really, really angry _____

Scramblaire Word 2

- U G D H **O** Clue: Not yet bread _____
- G** R D F O E Clue: Advanced ahead steadily _____
- G** O F D E Clue: Cleared moisture inside windshield _____
- U T G U **D** O Clue: Where players rest between innings _____
- E** G R **D** G L E O Clue: Clumsy, usually humorous verse _____

Word 2 Solution, 6 letters Clue: Determined _____

Scramblaire Word 3

- G** A **D** O E T Clue: Senility _____
- G **A** O I A D Clue: In music, slow tempo _____
- P** O G D R E Clue: Felt around _____
- L D G **O** E G O Clue: Used a certain search engine _____

Word 3 Solution, 7 letters Clue: Peaked Asian building _____

Scramblaire Word 4

- O **E** M R **D** G O Clue: Cleaned, brushed the dog _____
- I **D** N **O** G Clue: Performing an act _____
- N O D E G **I** Clue: “Brand” of Bible often found in hotels years ago _____
- U **M** D R O A N **G** Clue: Food lover _____

Word 4 Solution, 5 letters Clue: Minor deity _____

Scramblaire Word 5

- C L **R** O G K I D Clue: Tied-up traffic _____
- A** D O R E G **N** Clue: Made a sound of pain _____
- B E O D B L **G** Clue: Made a turkey noise _____
- D** R **O** G G E Clue: Ate greedily _____

Word 5 Solution, 6 letters Clue: Mythical beast _____

Sentence completion: The [word 1] Buddhists climbed with [word 2] steps to the [word 3] where the [word 4] was protected by the sign of the [word 5].

Training and Behavior

Messages We Give Our Dogs

by Dorothy Miner

I'll bet everyone remembers the old Gary Larsen comic that depicted a person giving commands to a dog while the dog sat there looking clueless. As I recall, the first panel of the two-panel comic said something like "What we tell our dogs" and the second panel said "What the dog hears." The human thought he was being very clear in his commands, but the dog was only hearing "Blah, blah, blah, blah." There's a lot of truth behind that cute little cartoon. Inter-species communication can be quite a challenge, to say the least.



Mixed messages are frequently the result of a person assuming that the dog understands what it is being told. The comments "he knows what I want him to do" or "he's just yanking my chain" may be true, but it's just as likely that the dog honestly doesn't know what we expect of him at the moment. How and when we reinforce (reward) a behavior or correct (discipline, redirect) misbehavior is a fine art. If we want to give good, clear messages to our dogs, it is an art that must be learned.

One of the messages we must get across to our dogs is that the world will not end if they make mistakes. Dogs are amazingly tolerant of our mistakes; it's only fair that we forgive them their own errors.

I have an older Airedale bitch who came to me as an adult. One thing I learned early on in our life together is that she is dreadfully afraid of making a mistake. Her reaction is to freeze or run if she finds herself doing something she's afraid a person will think is wrong. I doubt that she was born this way. Sadly, she learned this from some previous person who was responsible for her. She and I have found ways around this handicap and she's a happy, much-loved dog. But how much easier it would have been for both of us if she knew that her world wouldn't come crashing down around her if she goofed. In her case, the prime example is if she finds herself off-leash outdoors. If she slips out the door when someone holds it open too long, or if she pulls the leash out of my hand while getting her out of the car we can have trouble. On the very few occasions when I've tried to let her run off-leash in my hayfield, (which is fenced on 3 sides and which is almost a quarter mile off the road) it'll dawn on

her at some point that nobody is holding her leash. That's when she panics. She may come to me, but more likely something will click inside her brain and she just keeps moving away. Once on the move, she is difficult to catch because she's afraid to come back. I can only surmise that somebody in her past was in the habit of punishing or disciplining her pretty harshly after she came to them. She should know that in the more than six years she's lived with me I've never disciplined her after coming (quite the opposite, she would be rewarded with a nice handful of treats) but whatever happened to her earlier was so memorable that this doesn't matter. Needless to say, she doesn't get to enjoy the freedom of a romp through the big hay field. Even teaching a simple obedience command such as "Sit" was an almost insurmountable challenge. She would just freeze and her eyes would almost glaze over. In spite of this sad quirk, this is one of the world's sweetest and most loving dogs. Admittedly, her case is extreme, and she and I have managed a happy life together nonetheless.

Allowing dogs to make mistakes and be confident that nothing too horrible is going to happen is vitally important in building a successful and humane relationship. Lord knows our dogs are tolerant of the many mistakes we make; we need to reciprocate and be tolerant of theirs.

New on the Farm: A few of you may remember my little curmudgeon Pip, the Brussels Griffon. Sadly, Pip passed away a few months ago at the age of fifteen. Even though both of my Airedales sit on my lap, I really missed having a little lap-yap around the place. So I contacted Ohio Shih Tzu Rescue and now a cute and very sweet little four year old black and white Shih Tzu named Barney is part of my family. He and the Airedales get along beautifully. Barney has a bit of a snaggletooth thing going on and he has a blind right eye, but I think he's beautiful.



Carabella

Bookshelf

by Linda Botts

Play Dead by David Rosenfelt

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Knowing I would be spending some time in doctor or dentist offices, I loaded up at the local bookstore for something that would fit my quirky criteria for “take-along” books. Those criteria include: a memorable plot (just in case I leave the book in the back seat and don’t get around to finishing it for a while), a likeable protagonist, a plausible, topical setting and a minimum of really graphic violence or sex that covers up poor writing or a lack of plot.. “Play Dead” looked like it would meet those needs and had the added benefit of a dog on the cover. Besides, the back cover notes indicated the author and his wife are very involved in rescue of Golden Retrievers in Southern California. Yep, I had to buy it.

It was a fun read, beginning with the main character (Andy Carpenter, a lawyer of course) devising a way in court to get a “stay of execution” for a shelter dog. It turns out the dog’s history provides a reason for Andy to dig into solving a five-year-old murder. You guessed it – the dog’s original owner was falsely imprisoned for the murder. Since you learn all that from the back cover notes, I’m not giving anything away here.

“Play Dead” is well-paced, the writing is clear and unpretentious, and the author has a sly sense of humor and a good sense of how people and dogs bond. Set in New Jersey (as the author points out, East Coasters refer to beaches as “the shore”), some nice back-story also helps to keep it moving. From the list of his other titles (such as: “New Tricks” and “Bury the Lead”), it seems likely that canines may figure in some of Rosenfelt’s other books. Next time I’m in the book store, I’ll take a look. Although I’m done with appointments for a while, winter is upon us, and there’s nothing like a well-turned mystery novel to drown out the howling of the winds – or of our terriers just before mealtime.

PS. My best friend, Pat – the queen of finding good books inexpensively – found a book titled “Dog Gone it,” another dog-and-master mystery series by Spencer Quinn. If I enjoy it (or think you might), you’ll hear more in the next issue.

A Compliment Worth Sharing

shared by proud CATC member, Chris Hyde

My older Airedale, George, and I recently trekked to Lafayette for a routine appointment with Dr. Wendy Wallace DVM. Dr. Wallace is a canine sports medicine specialist who supported George during his performance careers and now into his teenage years. I credit Dr. Wallace for helping George to be the active, healthy Airedale that he is.

Other Airedale patients that Dr. Wallace has met include Margot Jennings, Sushi Catalano, Roxxi Dirgo-Stetson and Roxxi puppies.

Roxxi’s puppies made a big hit at the Four Seasons Vet Hospital. From receptionists to nurse, all we met on our last visit commented about those darling Airedale puppies and what wonderful dispositions they had!

Dr. Wendy also spoke highly of the puppies. In addition, she was very complimentary of all the help and support that Nancy and Marguerite had received while raising their litter. “You Airedale folks are so great about helping one another! I remember all the support you received when showing Jazz. Nancy and Marguerite also received a lot of help. There is a lot of camaraderie in your breed. Folks in other dog breeds are not like that. My breed is so cut throat. I can understand why you enjoy your Airedales so much.”



Photo courtesy of Judy Phillips

Kitchen Cabinet

submitted by Nancy Strohmeier

This recipe makes 12 - 14 servings. Made it for the first time last week and the flavor is fantastic. It needed more squash as the consistency was not thick enough. The squash has been tripled for this posting. Also, add the cheese after the other ingredients have been pureed. Cook time 1 hr (or a little more).

3 tblsp salted butter
 3 cloves garlic, minced
 2 C diced onions
 3 carrots, sliced
 3 celery ribs, sliced
 3 lb butternut squash, peeled and diced
 12 C chicken stock
 1 C sherry
 8 oz salted tortilla chips
 1/2 C fresh cilantro leaves
 2 C shredded Monterey Jack Cheese
 1 can (4 oz) diced green chilies
 1 bunch scallions, sliced
 2 tblsp freshly squeezed lime juice
 8 dashes green Tabasco sauce
 Freshly ground pepper, to taste

In large stock pot, melt butter over med-high heat. Add garlic, onions, carrots and squash. Saute for at least 10 minutes, stirring frequently. Add stock and sherry. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium and simmer for 40 minutes (or more) until the squash is soft and tender. Remove from the heat and stir in tortilla chips until wilted. Add the cilantro, then puree in the pot with a hand mixer or in batches in a regular blender. Add the cheese, chilies and scallions. Stir to combine and melt cheese. Season with lime juice, Tabasco sauce and black pepper. Return to the stove and simmer for 10 minutes more.

Scrambleaires Answers

Word 1 – grandiose, drought, disgorge, ogled, dodger

Word 2 – dough, forged, defog, dugout, logged

Word 3 – dotage, adagio, groped, googled, glowed

Word 4 – groomed, doing, Gideon, gourmand

Word 5 – gridlock, groaned, gobbled, gorged

Completed sentence: The outrage Buddhists climbed with dogged steps to the pagoda where the demigod was protected by the sign of the dragon.

An Airedale Christmas Song



*written by the Jazz Band singers
 debut 12/25/08, Hollister, Ca.
 sung to the tune A Partridge in a Pear Tree*

An Eight-Week Airedale Puppy

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,

Are Cats and Dogs Good for Your Child's Health?

submitted by Patty Gregg

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Want to stave off allergies in your kids? Get a pet! Multiple studies have found that the risk of common allergies is significantly reduced in children who grow up with dogs and cats in their home. A study funded by the National Institutes of Health followed children from birth to age 7 and found that their risk of suffering from allergies can be reduced by up to 50 percent in pet-owning households. Also, these children had overall lower antibody levels and far fewer positive skin test reactions to cat, dog, dust mite, ragweed, and grass allergens.

How is it possible that your hairy and sometimes stinky pet could actually be keeping your child healthy? Dr. Dennis Ownby, chief of the Medical College of Georgia Section of Allergy and Immunology, says, "What happens when kids play with cats or dogs? The animals lick them. The lick is transferring a lot of Gram-negative bacteria and that may be changing the way the child's immune system responds in a way that helps protect against allergies."

Researchers at Warwick University in Coventry, UK, found that having a cat or dog exposed children to more infections early in life. This alone may sound like a deterrent from buying your child her first pet. However, the researchers concluded that this exposure boosted their immune systems and kept the pet-owning children healthier – which meant that those children with pets attended school more often than their peers with no pets. (And, presumably, parents missed less work staying home to care for their sick children.) Pet-owning children were found to attend an extra nine days of school over the course of the year as compared to those without pets. These results were most pronounced in children 5 to 8 years of age.

In addition to physical health benefits, pet ownership for children offers a multitude of positive cognitive and emotional experiences. Important life lessons can result from owning a pet – how much fun a play-

mate can be, how to share mom and dad's attention with a new sibling, and how to deal with the loss of a family member. Pet ownership can also help kids develop discipline and responsibility. Children can learn how and when to feed their pet, take their pet outside, clean their pet, or even take their pet to the vet. Children also gain a sense of independence through being a pet owner. Owning a pet, be it a dog, hamster, fish, or parrot, can help position them to become mature and responsible adults.

Pets can be first friends for young children and provide a strong level of camaraderie and mutual respect. Positive relationships with pets lead to the development of trusting and respectful relationships with other humans. The development of nonverbal communication, compassion, and empathy result from pet ownership. A child who realizes that another creature's survival depends on him builds a sense of awareness, belonging, and self-esteem.

Pets can be the catalyst for fun family-building activities, such as taking the dog for a walk or to a park, grooming the cat, going to the pet supply store together, etc. Most of all, caring for a pet teaches children to have respect for all living things, no matter the species.

*A special note for parents of children with asthma: If your child is allergic to pets or pet dander and that exposure has been identified as an existing asthma trigger, you should, of course, follow the advice of your pediatrician. Some children with asthma, however, are not allergic to animals and are able to coexist with their pets. There is no one answer about whether or not children with asthma can or should live with pets.

Pediatric allergist Lisa Kobrynski, MD, MPH, assistant professor of pediatrics at Atlanta's Emory University, says that the pet discussion is always a hard one for families of children with asthma. Kobrynski suggests that keeping pets outside might be a solution. Some families try frequent washing of pets – at least three times each week – but that wouldn't work if the pet allergen is coming from the pet's saliva. Kobrynski says, to be on the safe side, children with asthma can be given a skin or blood test to see exactly which triggers are most important to avoid.

It is always best to research and make an informed decision when choosing to bring a pet into your family. Your local library or bookstore is filled with books about children and pets. Here are just a few:

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- *Your Baby and Bowser*, by Stephen C. Rafe. A book that illustrates the importance of intentional inclusion when a new baby or pet are brought together for the first time in a family; tips for making a smooth transition and for ensuring everyone will co-exist in harmony.
- *Allergic to Pets? The Breakthrough Guide to Living with the Animals You Love*, by Shirlee Kalstone. Renowned pet expert Shirlee Kalstone provides effective advice for allergy sufferers on how to cohabitate with your pet. A terrific resource for animal-loving allergy sufferers everywhere.
- *Your Child's Dog: How to Help Your Kids Care for Their Pets*, by Andrea McHugh. How to involve children in training, raising, and caring for a pet dog.
- *Are You the Pet for Me? Choosing the Right Pet for Your Family*, by Mary Jane Checchi. A great resource about the basics of what pet ownership can do for your family, including the opportunity for kids to learn responsibility and experience the rewards of animal companionship, as well as determining what is the best kind of pet for your child and your family.

- *Living with Kids and Dogs...Without Losing Your Mind*, by Colleen Pelar. Each chapter of this book is devoted to each stage of a child's life; includes parental pointers for setting their family up for success while raising kids and dogs together.
- *Totally Fun Things to Do with Your Dog*, by Maxine Rock. Ideas for family activities with your favorite four-legged friend!

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Club News

Achievement Awards

submitted by Georgia McRae

CATC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS and TITLE PINS
Presented at the December 5, 2009 General Meeting

Achievement Awards and Title Pins were presented at the General Meeting (December 5, 2009) to the owners of the following Airedales. Each of these Airedales attained the title of Champion or the indicated Obedience, Agility, or Rally title, which was published in the July 2009 through November 2009 issues of the AKC Awards publication.

Conformation Titles

Champion (CH) Achievement Award Medal and Purple Title Pin

CH Brisline's Goforit Energizer Bunny (bitch)
Published July 2009, Completed 5/16/09
(Ch. Evermay's High Performance ex Goforit Niki)
Breeders: Carol Reynolds and Jim Reynolds
Owners: Georgia McRae and Helen J. Piperis

Champion (CH) Achievement Award Medal and Purple Title Pin

CH Hardknott Coverdale Garland Flower (bitch)
Published September 2009, Completed 7/25/09
(Ch. Evermay's High Performance ex Ch. Hardknott Sweet Thyme CD RA)
Breeders: Nancy Bougher and Stephen J. Lehrer
Owners: Kristi Burrus, Nancy Bougher and Stephen Lehrer

Champion (CH) Achievement Award Medal and Purple Title Pin

CH Bristol Aires Fun And Games RN (dog)
Published November 2009, Completed 9/13/09
(Ch. Evermay's High Performance ex Ch. Bristol Aires Ur So Beautiful)
Breeder: Elizabeth M Mattison
Owner: Linda E Van Bibber

Champion (CH) Achievement Award Medal and Purple Title Pin

CH Rangel's Celtic Encore (dog)
Published November 2009, Completed 9/17/09
(Ch. Greenfield's Celtic Legend ex Ch. Rangel's Wild Thing)
Breeders: Frank M Stevens and Gabriel Rangel and Ivonne Rangel
Owners: Frank M Stevens and Gabriel Rangel and Ivonne Rangel

Obedience Titles

Companion Dog (CD) Achievement Award Medal and Green Title Pin

Brisline's X-Static For Kimerik CD RN (bitch)
Published September 2009, Completed 7/19/09
(Ch. Evermay's High Performance ex Ch. Brisline's Plumperfect Uptown Girl)
Breeders: Georgia McRae and Suzanne Tharpe
Owners: Kimber Smith and Georgia McRae

Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) Achievement Award Medal and Green Title Pin

Ch Plum Perfect's All That Jazz CDX RN (bitch)
Published October 2009, Completed 8/1/09
(Ch. Tartan Scottshire's Scofield ex Ch. Brisline's Plumperfect UD RN)
Breeders: Suzanne Tharpe and Georgia McRae
Owner: Christine Hyde

Achievement Awards Policy

Eligibility for CATC Awards

Achievement Awards are presented by CATC in recognition of AKC Titles earned by Airedale Terriers owned by CATC members. One award will be presented for each title earned. If a dog earning a title is co-owned by two or more CATC members, an additional award(s) may be purchased at full cost. Titles completed before an owner becomes a CATC member will not receive an Achievement Award. Titles earned by members who are not in good standing with the AKC and/or CATC are not eligible for Achievement Awards. All information for

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Achievement Awards/Policies

Titles/awards will come from the “American Kennel Club Awards” publication; this information includes ownership and date of completion of titles. Non-AKC titles are not eligible for CATC Achievement Awards.

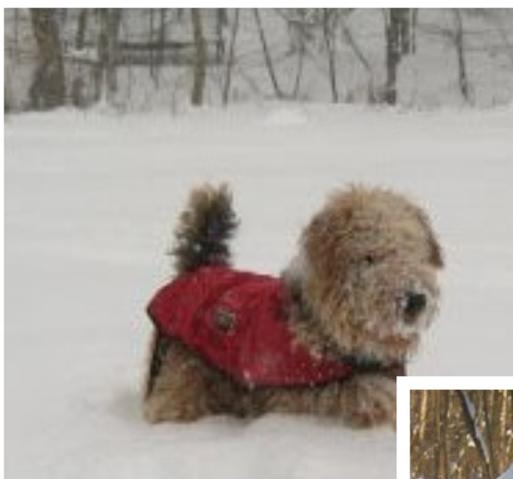
Presentation of Awards

Achievement Awards are presented twice annually – at the December membership meeting and at a mid-year membership meeting. Awards are not presented until the title has been published in the American

Kennel Club Awards publication. All titles earned by CATC members will be published in the CATC Newsletter.

Awards

Medallions and title pins will be presented for all AKC titles.



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TBD

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