

# AIRE-ING *the* NEWS

California Airedale Terrier Club, Inc.

## Keep Your Doors Locked At All Times (or so says Finnleigh)

by Anne Benenson

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Today being Finnleigh's ninth birthday, I found myself reminiscing about all of our wonderful years together. When I ran out of those memories I began to recall with mixed feelings some of our more humorous, yes, even disastrous predicaments.

One that most of my friends have declared particularly amusing (on this point, I don't agree) took place the evening of a dinner party which was destined not to be.

I had my two dogs with me in Briones Park. Dog #1 was Jake my wonderful Flat Coated Retriever who always minded his own business, kept his nose clean and did what he was told. Dog #2 was Finnleigh (what else but an Airedale?) who made it his business to investigate everything, rarely did what he was told and pretty much constantly caused a ruckus. Not much has changed in that regard over the last nine years.

We had just finished hiking one warm October evening and my car was the last one in the parking lot. I remember I was wearing shorts and a tank top, the fog was beginning to roll in which would cause the temperature to drop quickly. I was anxious to get home and put on a sweatshirt and jeans. Mentally I was reviewing the preparations for a dinner party I was about to host.

I was beginning to become a little chilled so I started the car in preparation to leave. Finnleigh jumped in the back seat to claim the ENTIRE back seat first.

Since we were the only ones in the lot I left all the doors open to give him some air. Jake faithfully followed me around to the back of the car to get my purse out of the trunk.

A woman in a small sports car pulled up next to us with a large German Shepherd crammed into the back. Instead of looking to see who or what was around her, she simply opened the hatchback and let her dog jump out without a leash.

That was all Finnleigh needed to see to go into a frenzy. I dove to close all four doors as fast as I could, congratulating myself on my quick thinking to avert a disaster. Not that Finnleigh would attack the dog, but he'd probably scare the daylights out of her.

The dog and her mistress disappeared into the darkness for a walk and Jake and I continued to rummage around in the trunk. Finnleigh continued to posture, do Airedale butt spins in the confines of the back seat and bark furiously.

OK, so picture this - a sweaty, hot, panting Airedale in a running car. All the windows are rolled up, Finnleigh is bashing against all the doors to get at the German Shepherd disappearing from his view. The windows are beginning to fog up with hot dog breath. Me, on the outside, cool fog rolling in, starting to get a tad chilled dressed in shorts and a tank top. By my side, stuck to me like glue, 80 lbs. of lumbering lummoX of a dog mirroring my

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Anne and friends

Join us at our

General Meeting  
2/23/08

Cattlemen's Restaurant  
Livermore, CA

Meeting notice sent  
separately

## Editor's Message

Kim and Kris have consolidated in Ramona and things have, hopefully, settled down for a while. Our goal this year for your newsletter is to keep it entertaining and informative and to address issues that you are concerned with and interested in. To that end, WE NEED YOUR INPUT! Please let us know what you'd like to see in this newsletter so that we can keep this publication meaningful for you and, as always, send pictures.

We'd like to thank the former team that kept the newsletter going while we settled in. We know what effort that takes—the club thanks you all.

We'd also like to thank our newly assembled team for their contributions in making this newsletter the very best it can be. They are:

### Journalists:

Linda Botts – Book reviews and journalist at large  
Samantha Curran – Health, science and your Airedale  
Patty Gregg – President's report  
Kayla Kurucz – AKC delegate report  
Lynn Madison – Book reviews  
Georgia McRae - New titles earned, whelping box  
Dorothy Miner – Training  
Virginia Smith – Rescue

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Next Deadline: **3/16/08**

Send your submissions to Kris at:  
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## Production and Mailing

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Linda Hobbet – Production  
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Karen Lapierre – Mailing  
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You will be seeing articles on a regular basis from the core journalist team, but we hope to augment these with spontaneous contributions. Please take an active role and share your stories of life with your Airedales with the rest of the community, as well as any other items of interest you come across affecting the Airedale community at large (always keeping in mind copyright restrictions). We're looking forward to a great year – help us make it happen!



On a somber note, one of our members, Jill Fanning, passed away on January 21 after a long illness. Long-time friends Karen Lapierre and Georgia McRae have contributed the following paragraph and will follow up with an in-depth article about Jill in the next issue, which will be dedicated to Jill. We are sure you join us in offering our heartfelt condolences and support to John during this sad and challenging time of his life.

*We invite you to send us any memories, thoughts, pictures, or anything else you'd like to contribute to Jill's issue.*

*Jill Fanning, a long time CATC member, passed away on January 21<sup>st</sup>. She has been a member for 35 years. She bred and competed in the conformation ring with her Airedales, along side her husband John under the banner of Waggers. Over the years they moved from the Bay Area to Colorado and then to Oregon, all the while actively contributing to our club's activities. Jill and John were instrumental in establishing OATS, the Oregon Airedale Terrier Society, and organizing the first Specialties for that club. Jill was energetic, creative, and resourceful, with a great sense of humor. She threw herself heart and soul into every project she took on. We will truly miss her. Watch for more about Jill in the upcoming issues of this newsletter.*

## Member Recognition

Dear Uncle Lowell,

Congratulations on receiving a Supportive CATC Member Award. You are the nicest and most generous man in the whole wide world! We've been special friends ever since I was eight weeks old. You became my personal groomer when I moved to Hollister. I get to see you and Leo every Thursday. And do I look and feel terrific when you're finished! You're the best groomer!



Here's Lowell having fun with his fellow club members in the Airedale booth at Eukanuba

You always said, "Someday, Jazz, you're going to be a show dog!" You even convinced my mom, that someday she was going to be a handler! You believed in us, and you made it happen. You drove with us and groomed at the shows. Sometimes we even left at 5:00 in the morning! That kind of support is above and beyond. I'm one lucky, grateful, Airedale! We couldn't do it without you. And one day I'm going to be a champion!

Thank you, Uncle Lowell for sharing yourself and Connie with me. I love you!

Fondly,

Jazz  
Plum Perfect's All That Jazz

*Editor's note: Thank you, Lowell, for being such a supportive member of CATC. You are a credit to our community.*

*I talk to him when I'm lonesome like;  
And I'm sure he understands.  
When he looks at me so attentively,  
And gently licks my hands;  
Then he rubs his nose on my tailored clothes,  
But I never say naught thereat.  
For the good Lord knows I can buy more  
clothes,  
But never a friend like that.*

*W. Dayton Wedgefarth*

## Jumping Airedales

by Christine Hyde

Jump n Java was jumping with 'dales and their friends on Sunday, January 13. Club members attended a CATC sponsored jump seminar at the Jump n Java agility facility in Redwood City. Airedales and their handlers Suzanne Tharpe, Nancy Strohmaier, Karen Lapierre, and Chris Hyde represented our club. In addition, other dog breeds attending included Golden Retrievers, Welsh Corgis, Australian Shepherds, and mixed breeds.



The techniques used to train dogs to jump have become much more sophisticated and refined over the years. When I started obedience training eons ago, we taught our dogs to jump by: 1) teaching our dogs to retrieve a dumbbell, 2) throwing the dumbbell over a jump, 3) yelling "Jump!" and hoping that the dog would take the jump en route to picking up the dumbbell! Some dogs were more successful than others.

With the advent of the relatively new sport of dog agility, much more interest and information has been developed about dog jumping. Rob Michalaski, an accomplished agility trainer and exhibitor from the Monterey Bay area, led the seminar through a jump-by-jump system teaching dogs to jump confidently and correctly. Much of the information had been modeled after horse show jumping.

The morning began by jumping our dogs over a single jump. An interesting contraption built from plastic PCP pipe helped the dogs position themselves for take offs and landings. These positions varied from animal to animal. Following success with one jump, canines were introduced to a "jump grid" that eventually progressed to 5 jumps in a straight line. If dogs lacked confidence or dropped bars, we regressed several steps, until necessary confidence and skill to continue were achieved. Negative comments or actions were not allowed. Rob explained, "Saying no to the dog, is like saying don't not jump, a concept that I don't even understand." Encouragement with praise, treats, or play was expected.

When jumping a set of line jumps was accomplished, navigating a series of jumps on a turn was introduced. This required more sophisticated jumping and handling. Our dogs took it all in stride. At the end of the seminar, it was apparent that our Airedales were jumping with improved confidence and skill.

The response to the seminar was enthusiastic. Those attending had fun with their dogs and attained new skills. One participant commented, "I can't wait to buy some more jumps and start practicing!" Another attendee asked to be kept informed of future club sponsored events. Good job, CATC.

## Health, Science and Your Airedale

### Bloat and Airedales

by Samantha Curran

Although Airedales are not on the official list of dogs at risk for bloat, Airedales are prone to this life-threatening condition. Bloat is characterized by a sudden enlargement of the chest and abdomen, particularly on the left side of the dog's body. The dog will appear weak and in pain, and may try to vomit with no success. If bloat is suspected, the dog should be transported to the veterinary hospital immediately.



Gastric Dilatation Volvulus (GDV) or bloat is a serious, life-threatening condition whose causes are not completely understood. Feeding practices may influence its occurrence.

It is important for dog owners to recognize bloat and its clinical symptoms to reduce the risk of occurrence and when bloat does occur, to take action before it is too late.

**Definition:** Bloat or GDV is a syndrome of dogs in which the stomach dilates and twists around its central axis, resulting in complex local and systemic pathological and physiological changes.

**Pathogenesis:** Bloating begins with an accumulation of gas and fluid in the stomach. This, in conjunction with a mechanical or functional obstruction of the outflow of the stomach itself, leads to a significant swelling of the stomach. A clockwise rotation of the stomach is the most common type of bloat, occurring in nearly all dogs with GDV.

The rising intragastric pressures cause many other problems such as stoppage of blood flow to and from the stomach, translocation of the spleen resulting in sequestration of the red blood cells and clotting factors, and tearing of the gastric and splenic vessels causing intra-abdominal hemorrhage and possible rupture of the stomach wall. Death of the stomach wall leads to complications that can kill the patient.

The compression of some other major vessels, like the caudal vena cava, further reduces venous return to the heart and causes pronounced decrease in blood pressure. Mucosal ischemic tissues (tissues dying from lack of blood supply) allow increased bacterial and endotoxin migration, which after being treated, can cause a reperfusion injury and contribute to the cell death of the heart, liver and GI tract.

#### Owner observations:

Vomiting and/or loss of appetite followed by hypersalivation, retching, panting and unproductive vomiting with abdominal distension. Depression, weakness and collapse soon follow.

#### Breeds of highest risk:

Great Dane  
Saint Bernard  
Weimaraner  
Irish Setter  
Standard Poodle  
Basset Hound

#### Gender predisposition:

60% more prevalent in intact males.

#### Some risk factors:

"Deep-chested" dogs  
Animals who are "fast eaters" (5x more likely to develop bloat).  
Being underweight (3x more likely).  
Dogs fed only once a day (2x more likely).

#### Other Contributing factors:

Eating from bowls at ground level.  
Changes in mealtime.  
Sudden increases in food intake or activity level.  
Underlying inflammatory bowel disease.  
Stress.

#### Prevention:

Avoid ingestion of excessive amounts of food or fluids.  
Feed small meals multiple times per day.  
Avoid exercise after the meal.

#### Diagnosis:

Veterinary exam.  
Abdominal radiography.  
Bloodwork.

#### Treatment Recommendations:

These depend on the clinical condition of the dog at time of admission.

#### Initial Treatment:

Therapy with fluids to improve cardiovascular function.  
Gastric decompression via orogastric tube or trocarization with an 18-gauge needle (catheter going directly through the body wall) followed by gastric lavage.  
Treatment of heart arrhythmias, close monitoring of the cardio-respiratory function.  
Antibiotic therapy, corticosteroids, gastrointestinal protectants.  
DIC (disseminated intravascular coagulation) therapy once clotting abnormalities are confirmed.

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## Book Shelf

by Linda Botts

*Before Your Dog Can Eat Your Homework, First You have to Do It (Life Lessons from a Wise Old Dog to a Young Boy)* by John O'Hurley. Published November 2007, Hudson Street Press.

As the title suggests, this short book (152 pages) is about life, not dogs, but the "lessons" referred to in the subtitle bear repeating, particularly in the chapter titled "The Authentic Walk." I would not even have known who John O'Hurley is, had I not been a slight acquaintance of his aunt, who bragged incessantly about his having won in the first season of "Dancing with the Stars." The liner notes state he is currently host on "Family Feud."

His device for naming the chapters seemed a bit too "cute" to me in the beginning, as did the title. His last book, *It's Okay to Miss the Bed on the First Jump*, must have had a similar approach. A first-time father in his fifties, he claims his very elderly Maltese leaves notes for the baby under a big stuffed toy in the corner. O'Hurley then expands on the meaning of Scoshi's notes. However, his clear no-nonsense and humorous style makes the cutesy-ness palatable. Except for Scochi's notes, he doesn't try to sound like a dog either.

Each of the nine chapters has an intriguing title, one the same as the book, that immediately invites curiosity. I particularly liked the chapter titled "When All Is Said and Done, More Was Said Than Done." The Scoshi-note that begins the chapter was also intriguing: "Dear Little Pink Thing. Don't bark unless you mean it. And don't stop until they know you mean it." As with all chapters, O'Hurley expounds on the hidden meaning of his dog's brief note, drawing heavily on childhood memories and personal (usually embarrassing) professional moments to illustrate the "lesson." He does not come off as a self-important, all-knowing celebrity, just a rather ordinary person in a position to get a book like this published. His first was a *New York Times* Bestseller.

At \$21.95, it doesn't seem substantial enough to add to your library, but at a paperback price, or if you know someone from whom you can borrow this book, it's well worth the time to read and reflect on its lessons.

## Kitchen Cabinet

submitted by Linda Van Bibber

*A special note to all Airedales reading this issue - this is for your humans - not you! DO NOT try this at home when your humans are away!*

Recipe courtesy Alton Brown

Show:

[Good Eats](#)

Episode:

[Fudge Factor](#)

### Chocolate Fudge

2-3/4 cups sugar  
4 ounces unsweetened chocolate  
3 tablespoons butter, plus more for greasing pan  
1 cup half-and-half  
1 tablespoon corn syrup  
1 tablespoon vanilla extract  
1 cup chopped, roasted nuts, optional

Grease an 8 by 8-inch pan with butter. In a heavy-bottomed saucepan, combine the sugar, chocolate, 1 1/2 tablespoons of the butter, half-and-half, and corn syrup. Over medium heat, stir with a wooden spoon until sugar is dissolved and chocolate is melted. Increase heat and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low, cover, and boil for 3 minutes. Remove the cover and attach a candy thermometer to the pot. Cook until the thermometer reads 234 degrees F. Remove from the heat and add the remaining butter. Do not stir. Let the mixture cool for 10 minutes or until it drops to 130 degrees F. Add vanilla and nuts, if desired, and mix until well-blended and the shiny texture becomes matte. Pour into the prepared pan. Let sit in cool dry area until firm. Cut into 1-inch pieces and store in an **AIREtight** container for up to a week.

## Whelping Box

The Whelping Box returns! Please send information about your new litters to Georgia McRae for inclusion in the Newsletter. The information we need is:

**Breeder**

**Whelping Date**

**Sire & Dam**

**Number of males & females**

## Training and Behavior

### *Thinking Outside the Ring – How A Dog Training School Coped With Change:*

by Dorothy Miner

When I moved to Delphos, Ohio, it didn't take too long to find a good obedience training school where my dogs and I could hang out. After attending several class sessions the business owner, Diane Laratta, hired me and now I teach many of the classes offered at Hollowell Dog Training. One class I was given to teach was Advanced. Like the advanced classes I was accustomed to in the Bay Area, it was geared largely to those who were interested in competition training, but it also welcomed people who had no intention of continuing into the ring with their dogs. This part of Ohio is made up of small towns and farmland, with nearby Lima being the largest city. The old "farm mentality" about raising and keeping dogs is very strong here – even in Lima - and competition obedience isn't part of that mindset. We often had trouble attracting new people to our Advanced classes. So we had to start thinking "outside the ring." What could we offer that would keep people coming after they had completed puppy and basic training?

What we came up with was a new line-up of classes. We still offer competition level classes in Rally, classic Obedience and Agility, but we've added several new classes to our roster that appeal to a wider cross section of people. These are Top Dog, Therapy Dog Preparation, Agility for Fun, Dog Training for Seniors, Dog Training for Kids, and Sampler. I have the good fortune of teaching all of these except for the Kids' class.

Top Dog is for the companion dog owner who wants to get the most out of his or her pet. It covers off leash work, distance control, hand signals, working under distraction, practical Stays and Recalls, practical attention, reading canine body language, recognizing canine stress and confusion, problem solving, and more. No emphasis is placed on competition requirements, but accuracy and speed of response are stressed. This is becoming a popular course.

Therapy Dog Preparation Class is offered for those interested in visiting schools, hospitals and nursing homes with their dogs. Hollowell's daycare manager was recently certified as an evaluator by Therapy Dogs International. TDI restrictions prevent her from testing anyone who has taken a class from her, but she can



give the tests here providing someone else is the instructor. This class gives dogs and their handlers who already have their CGC's the additional skills they need to pass the TDI certification test.

Agility for Fun is self-explanatory. There is no emphasis on time or regulation jump heights, and obstacles such as the dog walk and A-frame are lowered for this class. The emphasis is on fun and safety. The dogs may do all the usual obstacles, but at their own speed and at heights and angles that are comfortable for them and their handlers.

Dog Training for Seniors (the owners, not necessarily the dogs!) is another new offering that is proving to fill a community need. This class is small, it is a bit slower paced, and it is designed for people who may have a few physical limitations. While the core work is basic obedience, emphasis is placed on whatever the members of the class most desire. Dog Training for Kids is also offered, in which youngsters learn to handle the family pet. Many of our young students start their 4H dogs in this class.

The Sampler Class is for folks who aren't sure what they'd like to do with their dog beyond basic training. This course presents an introduction to a variety of things. Each week the students are exposed to a different dog sport - Agility, Rally, Flyball, Tricks, and Canine Musical Freestyle are all covered. The last class of the session offers a fun competition that combines a little bit of each.

The school also offers the occasional mini-workshop or mini-seminar. So far we've done several seminars on Understanding Canine Body Language, including a presentation requested by the Lima Police Department after an officer shot and killed a loose dog when he was out on his daily run (the second dog shooting incident involving the department.) We have been asked to present the seminar for the local Veterinary Society this Spring. Another successful offering was a 2 hour workshop on Coming When Called. The basics of building a solid, reliable recall were presented and we had plenty of assistants to help each participant get the most out of the class. We had an overflow waiting list of people who couldn't get into the first workshop so we'll be offering it again.

Changing the curriculum to meet the needs of the times is vital in keeping a dog training business healthy. In addition to the new classes, Hollowell Dog Training also provides traditional classes including Puppy Kindergarten, Beginners, Canine Good Citizen, Competition Agility, Conformation, Flyball, Tricks, Retrieving, and Canine Musical Freestyle. Some students from our more advanced classes are invited to join our "Hollowell Hot Diggity Dogs" Drill Team, which performs at local nursing homes, parades, schools, and festivals – including the prestigious Harrod Pork Rind Heritage Festival and the National Dachshund Races.

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### Bloat and Airedales

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Once the patient is stabilized, the veterinary surgeon will untwist the stomach and attach it to the abdominal wall so that it regains normal position and cannot twist on itself again. Success rates can be as low as 30-60%. For dogs that recover, feeding of small meals moistened with water more than once a day is recommended. It is also recommended to restrict water consumption and exercise after feeding.

### Thinking Outside the Ring

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Pretty good for a small-town training school! If you have time, visit the website for Hollowell Dog Training and check us out. The address is: www.hollowellwhippets-dogtraining.com. Better yet – come out and visit. I'll give you a personal tour. If dog training groups or businesses are to succeed, it is vital that they never lose sight of the fact that the companion animal owner is at the very heart of their endeavors. Training future competitors may be important, but happy pet owners keep businesses running.

### Scramblaires I

This word puzzle is similar to the "jumbles" found in many daily newspapers. You unscramble the five words, then using the highlighted letter(s) from each, you solve the puzzle. All the words and the solution will be familiar to conformation folks. Since we don't have cute cartoon to provide a clue to the solution, a word clue is provided.

**S B I R O N B**      Blue ones are best!  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**G U J E D**      The one to please!  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**O G A T A L C**      You have to enter to be in this.  
 \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_

**M T I R**      You do this before the show.  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**E B T I**      The best dogs have to have a good one.  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Solution (two words): (Clue: A bad one is easy to spot!)

Editor's Note: Our thanks to Linda Botts for composing this word puzzle. If you'd like Scramblaires to be a regular feature, please let us know.

### Keep Your Doors Locked

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every move. Do you have any idea how hard it is, to see a black dog in the dark? Every time I changed direction, I kept tripping over him. This is very irritating.

I begin to reach for the door handle to get in and the next thing I know Finnleigh, true to form in his mode of bashing and thrashing, has jumped on the door button of the driver's side. I hear the dreaded CLICK of the door lock. He had successfully locked us out of the car, engine running, keys inside (including house keys), windows rolled up and car getting steamier by the second. I think to myself, why, why, why? Why God, did you send me this dog to torture me?

He could have jumped on the button of the passenger's side and nothing would have happened. But, nooooooooooooo! He had to jump on the only one button of four that would lock the entire car. By this time there is so much steam and dog drool on the windows I can only see the car rocking from side to side but not the dog inside who is rocking it.

I think to myself, thank God for two things - my cell phone, which was in the trunk, I now had in my hands, and two, I always kept a key hidden on the outside frame of the car for emergencies just like this. My heart sank when I remembered that my mechanic had removed the key to do some work on my car and stuck it in my glove box, inside my locked car of course.

Plan B: call AAA and have them unlock my car. No problem, no big deal I thought.

To my dismay I turned on my cell phone and there was no reception to be had, no matter where I stood. OK, now I was starting to panic. I envisioned the S.P.C.A. and the Airedale Terrier Club of California issuing a warrant for my arrest for dogchild endangerment. Leaving a dogchild in a parked car while running. YIKES, is that considered a felony? I might be a convicted felon for something Finnleigh did??? Well, that just figures, he's always out to get me! They might even take Finnleigh away from me for being a bad, bad Mother. OK, I tell myself, let's not get carried away here. They'd give him back immediately once they experienced a day in the life of Finnleigh.

Even worse, what about my dinner guests and would I ever get home? Just about that time the woman whom I was beginning to blame for my present state of misery appeared out of the darkness with her dog. Jake greeted the dog with his casual friendly manner, big hairy tail gently wagging. Finnleigh began to get really wound up again seeing his partner meeting and greeting the enemy with such enthusiasm. When I explained my situation to the woman she offered to give me a ride to my house which wasn't very far away so that I could pick up another set of keys.

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**Keep Your Doors Locked***(Continued from page 7)*

As Jake and I drove off into the dark of night without Finnleigh I could see his pathetic, dejected look. He had cleared the fog from the back window by swiping his nose across the entire width of it to catch a glimpse of us driving off with another dog, leaving him behind.

It was such a comical sight. In the enemy car, car #1 - not one but TWO large dogs crammed into the back of the tiny sports car, calmly looking out the back window, with their two mistresses in the front. In the Fort Knox Car- Car #2 - one sweaty Airedale madder than a hornet's nest bashing, barking and fogging, and looking grief stricken at being left behind. I knew what he was thinking as we drove off and I couldn't help but laugh out loud. Jake and I would certainly be chastised for fraternizing with the enemy when we returned. I actually felt a little sorry disbelief that BOTH of us would leave him behind and go off with another dog no less.

Upon arriving home, I brought Jake inside the house, at which time he took a drink and examined with great hope his food bowl, which had already been licked clean from the last feeding. Sighing with

resignation, he did the next best thing. He plopped himself down onto his bed to await the welcomed sound of kibble hitting his metal bowl. By his estimation it should occur at any moment.

Meanwhile, I was frantically searching through my box of keys hoping to find an extra set for my car. No such luck. I broke down in defeat and called AAA asking them to meet me back at my car, cautioning them if they got there first not to do anything until I arrived. Finnleigh had already been traumatized enough; I didn't want him to have a nervous breakdown thinking that an intruder was breaking in, and that he would have to defend and protect his Mother's car.

Ah...oh yes, better call the guests and tell them we would have to reschedule the dinner party. There was no possibility of salvaging the evening. The conversation went something like this.

"Hello, Carol?"

"Oh, hi Anne, hey Pat and I are really looking forward to seeing you tonight."

"Well...there's a slight change of plans."

"Are you feeling o.k., Anne?"

"Yeah...but I'm locked out of my car...and Finnleigh is locked in it."

"How in the world did that happen?"

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*Finnleigh and Jake on a calmer day*

## Keep Your Doors Locked

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“Eh...it's a long story...let me call you later and I'll tell you all about it.”

Unfortunately I was in such a rush that I forgot to grab a jacket, thinking AAA would be there any minute and I didn't want to miss them.

Back up to Briones Park we went. The German Shepherd's Mom asked me if I would be OK waiting by myself. I knew the park well and always felt safe there. As the twenty minutes turned into an hour, and the hour turned into nearly two, I could hear the coyotes howling in the distance and began to grow uneasy, cold and hungry.

By this time Finnleigh had settled down and was fast asleep, warm and comfortable in the STILL running car...I think I had a full tank of gas. Meanwhile I'm standing around shivering in shorts wishing I had grabbed a jacket, and also very hungry.

Eventually AAA arrived and it took the driver literally one second to unlock my door. Finnleigh was ecstatic to be released from the hot sweaty car and got out to stretch his legs.

The AAA guy said to me as he was driving off....”Hey lady, why the heck did you lock your dog in your car while the engine was running?” I'm sure he was thinking I was just stupid.

I rolled my eyes Heavenward, got into my car that smelled like a dog's gymnasium and yelled out the window....”You wouldn't believe what I've been through tonight.”....and drove off.

Oh...did I ever tell you about the time that I looked down at Finnleigh and both his eyes were flashing like strobe lights? No? Well I guess that's a story for another time perhaps. . . . .



*“The dogs in our lives, the dogs we come to love and who (we fervently believe) love us in return, offer more than fidelity, consolation, and companionship. They offer comedy, irony, wit, and a wealth of anecdotes, the “shaggy dog stories” and “stupid pet tricks” that are commonplace pleasures of life. They offer, if we are wise enough or simple enough to take it, a model for what it means to give your heart with little thought of return.*

*Both powerfully imaginary and comfortingly real, dogs act as mirrors for our own beliefs about what would constitute a truly humane society. Perhaps it is not too late for them to teach us some new tricks.”*

*Marjorie Garber*

# Club News

## President's Message

by Patty Gregg

2007 was a good year for CATC and we look forward to continuing the momentum in 2008. CATC has several new board members. They will be introduced to you in this newsletter. Your new board is working hard to organize time honored activities everyone enjoys plus a few new ones, so hopefully we have something for everyone.



As many of you are aware, AB1631 is rearing its ugly head again. Joanne Austin, our new legislative liaison, is trying to keep us abreast of current news. By the time you receive this newsletter the printed information within may be out dated so please visit the website at [www.calairedale.org](http://www.calairedale.org) for more updates.

Pet First Aid classes are a great way to start your new year. There is still time to sign up for the March 2<sup>nd</sup> Walnut Creek class. Please contact Chris Hyde for more information. This class could be the most valuable tool you will ever have and could help in saving your dog's life.

Airedale Obedience is scheduled to start Saturday March 8<sup>th</sup> in Fremont. There are 8 classes in the course. We hope to offer puppy, beginning and intermediate classes. Please contact Nancy Strohmaier for more information. Airedale obedience is a great way to help your Airedale be a first-rate companion in the house and on the leash.

Trim and Train also starts in March. Lowell Jennings will be offering his grooming expertise with 6 classes that gear up for the Sanctioned match in May. This is a must for every Airedale owner. You will have the chance to learn a pet strip or a show strip. Pulling a terrier coat is fast becoming a lost art. Don't miss your chance to learn from a top groomer.

Kristin Munson and Kimberley Harper are our new Aireing the News editors. They are supported by many people volunteering their time to write regular columns, organize articles and stuff and mail out our newsletters. It is a treat we all enjoy but it is a huge job. Please let them know if you are enjoying the new format or if you wish to contribute.

Sadly, as mentioned on page 2, longtime CATC member Jill Fanning passed away. She leaves a huge hole in the fabric of our club. Jill and Husband John moved to Oregon and helped form OATS but they were still very active in our local club. Jill could

consistently be counted on for articles, art and innovative ideas. She always had a positive attitude and was a huge inspiration for many of us. Our next issue of "Aireing the News" will be dedicated to Jill's memory. If you have any heartwarming, funny or interesting stories you would like to contribute please submit them to Kris Munson.

Our first general meeting of 2008 is February 23<sup>rd</sup> at Cattlemens restaurant in Livermore. Send your reservations to Ron Colvin.

I am looking forward to a positive new beginning this 2008. Please take time to think about how you can help. Many hands make light work!

Hope to see you all at the meeting.

## Legislation Update

by Joanne Austin

There is nothing new to report on AB 1634 at this time. Lloyd Levine is no doubt waiting to see the outcome of the February 5<sup>th</sup> primary and the result of Proposition 93. If it passes he will be in for another 6 years, if it fails he will be running for a senate seat, in June.



If Proposition 93 passes, it has been said he plans to frame AB 1634 as a money-saving fiscal bill if and when he brings it forward.

## Fund Raising

by Chris Hyde

Hello Members,

As part of my CATC board responsibilities, I am overseeing fund raising for our club. We members have a challenge to raise money for the '09 Centennial Floater Show. We want that specialty show to be one that we are proud to sponsor. That takes financing.



The diversity of our club members is what makes CATC great. Each and every one of you has individual talent and a variety of interests. You may have suggestions of how our club might raise money, but are not sure how to implement that idea. I am willing to help! Let me know what you have in mind, and perhaps (no promises!) your idea will come to

fruition.

Chas Frazer had the idea that we could host pet first aid classes. Our club is now in the midst of holding these classes. We have made some money, and more importantly have spread valuable information to our fellow pet owners. Karen Lapierre and Carol Kubiak had an idea to make pet health information pouches. They turned out a valuable product that will support our club and had some fun in the process. Keep those good ideas coming!

The bottom line is: if you think it's a good idea, it is! If you are interested in doing something, others will probably want to do it too! A little profit here, a little profit there, and we'll be ready for April '09. Please contact me at 831.637.6063 or [rpyle@wildblue.com](mailto:rpyle@wildblue.com).

## AKC Delegate's Report

by Carole B. Foucault

In 2008 AKC Communications department will develop a new television Public Service Announcement. Once produced, it will be distributed to approximately 500 TV stations and also made accessible online. AKC will make sure you hear about it.



If anyone wants to view the PSA's you can go to [http://www.akc.org/press\\_center/psa.cfm](http://www.akc.org/press_center/psa.cfm). AKC is encouraging us to use these tools customizing them with our club's name, or just to reach out to local media outlets and build relationships. PSAs are a creative, fun and positive method of counteracting a lack of knowledge about dogs and gaining exposure for our organization and our sport. AKC hopes that all will take advantage of this resource that supports all of our collective efforts to spread the word on responsible dog ownership.

## Rescue Report

by Virginia Smith

Rescue has been relatively quiet for the last few months. We have not been receiving many calls from people wishing to adopt. We also have not had many dogs become available for adoption. Many thanks to Carol Jaech. She has handled the calls for the last four months. If anyone would like to volunteer to take calls or help transport or foster dogs, please let me know. My e-mail is [lathamsmith@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lathamsmith@sbcglobal.net). Monetary donations are always appreciated. Helen Piper has been sending notes of appreciation and thanks to all of our rescue donors. Thank you Helen for taking care of this



important item.

## Obedience Report

by Nancy Strohmaier

Competition AKC Obedience:

Significant obedience regulation / class changes have been proposed by the 2007 AKC Advisory Council. Comments are encouraged via e-mail: [OBEDadv@akc.org](mailto:OBEDadv@akc.org) through March 31, 2008.



The proposed changes can be found at: [www.akc.org/events/obedience/obedience\\_advisory\\_committee.cfm](http://www.akc.org/events/obedience/obedience_advisory_committee.cfm)

Proposed changes include:

*Jump height* must be identified on the entry form & entrants to be shown in jump height order.

*Barking / whining* penalized while being judged in ring, first – from exercise, then if it continues, again from entire score.

*Disqualified dogs* must be documented in judges book & be brought to the attention of the superintendent or trial secretary.

*Group exercises* any dog that leaves its position from the first group exercise must be excused from participating in the second group exercise.

*Novice, Open & Utility* several optional RALLY type exercises may be included.

*Optional Titrting Classes* include: Versatility (combination of Novice, Open and Utility exercises), Non-regular International, Obedience Advanced Teamwork (combines RALLY & OBEDIENCE) and Beginner Novice.

Titled handler/dog team may continue to compete at the same level for sixty days or until receiving high in trial awards.

In general, standards have been intensified significantly for *NOVICE*, *OPEN* and *UTILITY* classes. The optional class, *BEGINNER NOVICE* correlates to *NOVICE A & B*, previously.

The ability to achieve success will be difficult for inexperienced handler/dog teams at each successive level. The entry fees have risen, again, so ring-experience training will become more expensive. Is combining Rally and Obedience routines the right direction? Please take some time to review the proposed changes and write in to AKC with your comments. *It is very important and* AKC is giving us the opportunity to air our opinions.

## New Titles

by Georgia McRae

### New Obedience Title: Utility Dog (UD)

CH Brisline Plum Perfect  
Unforgettable UD  
Sire: Ch. Shaireab Log On  
Dam: Ch. Brisline's Plum Perfect UD  
RN  
Breeders: Suzanne Tharpe and Georgia McRae  
Owners: Suzanne Tharpe and Georgia McRae  
Finished 10/27/07 and published December 2007



### New Rally Title: Rally Advanced Excellent (RAE)

Terrorific Jump N' Jive CD RAE OA AXJ NAP NJP NFP  
Sire: Ch. Terrorific HardKnott GMC  
Dam: Ch. Terrorific High Voltage  
Breeders: Virginia Latham Smith  
Owners: Maxine Shear and Angelique Shear  
Finished 11/11/07 and published January 2008

### New Agility Title: Novice Agility Preferred (NAP)

Terrorific Jump N' Jive CD RE OA AXJ NAP  
Sire: Ch. Terrorific HardKnott GMC  
Dam: Ch. Terrorific High Voltage  
Breeders: Virginia Latham Smith  
Owners: Maxine Shear and Angelique Shear  
Finished 10/20/07 and published December 2007

### New Conformation Title: Champion (CH)

CH Avalonaire's Soiree  
Sire: Contraire Purple Haze  
Dam: Ch. Avalon's Eternal Springtime  
Breeder: Patricia K. Gregg  
Owner: Patricia K. Gregg  
Finished 11/24/07 and published January 2008



## CATC Achievement Awards and Title Pins

presented at the December 15, 2007 general meeting  
by Georgia McRae

Achievement Awards were presented at the General Meeting (December 15, 2007) 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 August 2007 through November 2007 issues of the AKC Awards publication. Publication date is in parentheses.

### Conformation Titles

Champion (CH) Achievement Award Medal and Purple Title Pin

CH Bimindale's Hasina Of San Ardo (August 2007).  
Finished 6/10/07  
(Ch. Tartan Scottshire's Scofield ex Ch. Bimindale's Gorgeous Galatea)  
Breeders: Carol Jaech and Georgia McRae  
Owners: Carol Jaech  
Title Pin was presented at 10/13/07 General Meeting

CH Plum Perfect's Ain't Misbehavin' (October 2007).  
Finished 8/5/07  
(Ch. Tartan Scottshire's Scofield ex Ch. Brisline's Plum Perfect UD RN)  
Breeders: Suzanne Tharpe and Georgia McRae  
Owners: Carol Kubiak, Milton Kubiak, and Suzanne Tharpe

CH Terrorific Chairman Of The Board (November 2007).  
Finished 9/16/07  
(Ch. Greenfield's Celtic Legend ex Ch. Terrorific Happy Thoughts)  
Breeders: Virginia Latham Smith and Deirdre Hernandez  
Owners: Virginia Latham Smith and Deirdre Hernandez



Now here's a tasty morsel...CH Avalonaire's Soiree "Scout" at 6 weeks

## Events

### Golden Gate

by Patty Gregg

The Golden Gate Kennel Club held its 101<sup>st</sup> and 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual Shows on January 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008. This show is one of the few benched shows left in the United States and is very exciting for the public and exhibitors alike. AKC dog clubs use this venue as a chance to educate the dog loving public. Many CATC members volunteered their time to talk with the public about our beloved Airedales and their particular traits. Our benching area was constantly busy with people asking questions and getting written information.

Thank you very much to everyone that came to help.

#### **Members and their dogs on the bench were:**

Deirdre Hernandez and "Frank"  
Kristi Burrus and "Jasmine and Daphny"  
Suzanne Tharpe and "Natalie"  
Patty Gregg and "Scout"

#### **Other CATC members volunteering their time were:**

Angie Shear  
Carol Kubiak  
Chris Hyde  
Connie Jennings  
Frank Stevens  
Georgia McRae  
Lorrie Wallis-Lang  
Lowell Jennings  
Michael Roman  
Milt Kubiak  
Nancy Bougher  
Ron Colvin  
Sarah Roberts  
Sue Wallis-Lang  
Tina McCraw  
Virginia Smith



*(l to r) Frank with Dewey, Ron Colvin and Suzanne Tharpe*



*Jasmine Burrus on the bench*



*(l to r) Kristi Burrus, Lowell Jennings, Angie Shear, Deirdre Hernandez, Nancy Bougher*



*Natalie Tharpe*

## Meet Your Officers and Directors

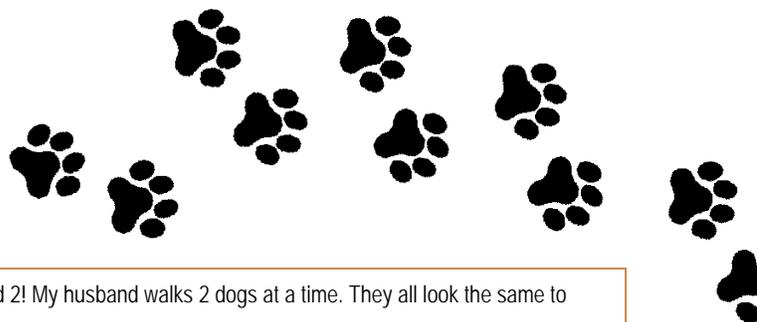
*Editors' note: We thought it would be fun and informative for all of us to learn a bit more about our officers and directors this*

*year. Who are the people who are guiding this club for the next 2 years or so? What do they care about? What would they like to see for CATC during their tenure? We formulated seven short questions for each of them to answer and, although we personally know most of them quite well, we were surprised and entertained by their responses. We hope you will be too.*



### Patty Gregg

President



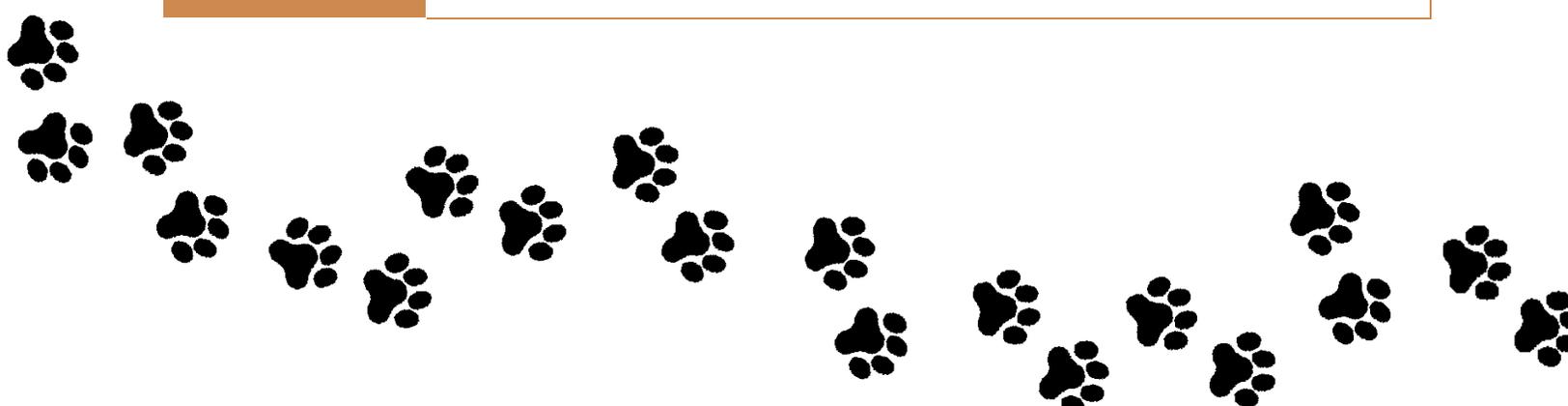
<p>How many Airedales share your life and what are their names and ages?</p>	<p>As far as my city and neighbors are concerned 2! My husband walks 2 dogs at a time. They all look the same to everyone else! In actuality, we have 8.</p> <table data-bbox="461 688 820 800"> <tr> <td>Arthur, 11</td> <td>Indiana, 3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Brigit, 9</td> <td>Scout, 21 Months</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Player, 7</td> <td>Aria, 17 weeks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tuesday, 4</td> <td>Jack, 17 weeks</td> </tr> </table>	Arthur, 11	Indiana, 3	Brigit, 9	Scout, 21 Months	Player, 7	Aria, 17 weeks	Tuesday, 4	Jack, 17 weeks
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<p>How / why did you become involved with Airedales?</p>	<p>I fell in love with the breed in the mid 1970's after seeing 2 of them on a beach. They were the most beautiful dogs I had EVER seen. I could not take my eyes off them. I started reading dog books to learn about the different breeds. Reading did help me choose which Terrier would be best for me and my family, but in my head I still held the image of those beautiful dogs on the beach. I purchased my first registered Airedale Terrier in the early 1980's from a breeder in Oakdale and the love affair officially began!</p>								
<p>What is it that you love about the Airedale?</p>	<p>I love their temperaments, joviality, curiosity, sense of humor, and their stylish good looks.</p>								
<p>What is your most memorable story about life with your Airedales?</p>	<p>Jackie (CH Bluacre Safari Jackpot) had a litter of 6 puppies. I kept finding little stuffed toys in the whelping box. Finally I got pretty irritated thinking my kids were putting these toys with the puppies. I explained once again to my boys that the puppies were WAY too young to play with toys and that the toys were bigger than they were. Blank stares from both boys as they nodded their heads in agreement. So, WHY are there 2 more toys in the whelping box I asked? I picked up the toys and threw them into the front room. Jackie, who was nursing puppies, immediately jumped up to dash after the toys causing all puppies to noisily lose suction. She picked up the two toys and carried them back to the whelping box, gently tucking and nuzzling them back in with the other puppies. She did a few turn-arounds, again checking her brood of 8 puppies before lying down contentedly.</p>								
<p>In what event(s) do you enjoy participating with your Airedale(s)?</p>	<p>My first love is conformation and breeding. However, I also enjoy agility and have participated in classes. I hope to do more agility and perhaps some rally when I don't have to work so much!</p>								
<p>In what other dog organizations do you participate, if any?</p>	<p>I am a board member for and contribute time to the Airedale Terrier Club of America</p>								
<p>What is your goal for CATC during your term as president?</p>	<p>Hard to pick just one! My number one goal is to make our 2009 Centennial one of the most successful shows we have ever had. It will take lots of time, energy and money but I know we can make this event so enticing, people won't want to miss it. We have a committee that is actively working toward that goal. Please call Deirdre Hernandez to offer your help.</p> <p>Secondly, in this time of antibreeding legislation I would like to encourage people who have Airedale Terriers to join our club. We all wish to continue being able to have our beloved Airedales. To ensure this, we must actively voice our protest. Our legislators' shortsightedness is creating restrictive breeding legislation, meaning we may not be able to have our breed in the future. We need numbers for strength.</p> <p>Lastly, it is a sad fact that, for lots of different reasons, Airedales end up in rescue. Our club has a time honored reputation of helping Airedales in need. Our rescue is one of the oldest breed rescues around. These dogs deserve our help to get into permanent homes. I'd like to make it our goal to guarantee every adoptable Airedale a home. Help can come in the form of fostering dogs, transporting dogs, taking rescue calls and, of course, money. Please contact Virginia Smith to volunteer.</p>								



## Deirdre Hernandez

Vice President

<p>How many Airedales share your life and what are their names and ages?</p>	<p>I have four Airedales. Ch. Terrific Aint Jus Whistlin, "Dixie" she will be 10 this August. Ch. Terrific Flower Power, "Hippy" will be 7 in April. Terrific Good on Ya, "Sydney" will be 6 in June. And then last, but definitely not least is Frank, Ch. Terrific Chairman of the Board. He will be 3 this April.</p>
<p>How / why did you become involved with Airedales?</p>	<p>Some might say I was raised by Airedales. My mother had them, and before that my Papa had them as pets. I could have chosen a different breed, but I really love all the qualities of the Airedales.</p>
<p>What is it that you love about the Airedale?</p>	<p>I love the loyalty and courage that Airedales possess. Their intelligent, fun-loving personality keeps you on your toes. They have kind of a quirky sense of humor that I love, too. They are a breed that really can get deep in your heart and stay there forever.</p>
<p>What is your most memorable story about life with your Airedales?</p>	<p>When my sister and I were little we would spend time with our Meme and Papa during the summer. Papa had huge shade trees in the backyard and a nice hammock underneath the trees. One of my sister and my favorite things to do was to sit in the hammock and pretend it was a boat and Papa's two Airedales were alligators. The "alligators" would then walk underneath us and rub their backs on our bottoms nearly capsizing our boat. I don't know who had more fun at this game, us or the "alligators".</p>
<p>In what event(s) do you enjoy participating with your Airedale(s)?</p>	<p>I enjoy participating in conformation events. I have tried a little bit of Rally and Agility and really enjoyed it. I think I will probably stick with conformation for the time being because there are only so many hours in the day.</p>
<p>In what other dog organizations do you participate, if any?</p>	<p>I am a member and officer of San Joaquin Kennel Club. That is an all breed dog club located in San Joaquin county. I also am a member of the Airedale Terrier Club of America.</p>
<p>What is your goal for CATC during your term as vice president?</p>	<p>I want to have fun. We have such a great member base and I look forward to our annual events and seeing everyone there. The specialty and obedience trial in April is our first big event and it will be a blast. I hope everyone is getting ready for a great year.</p>

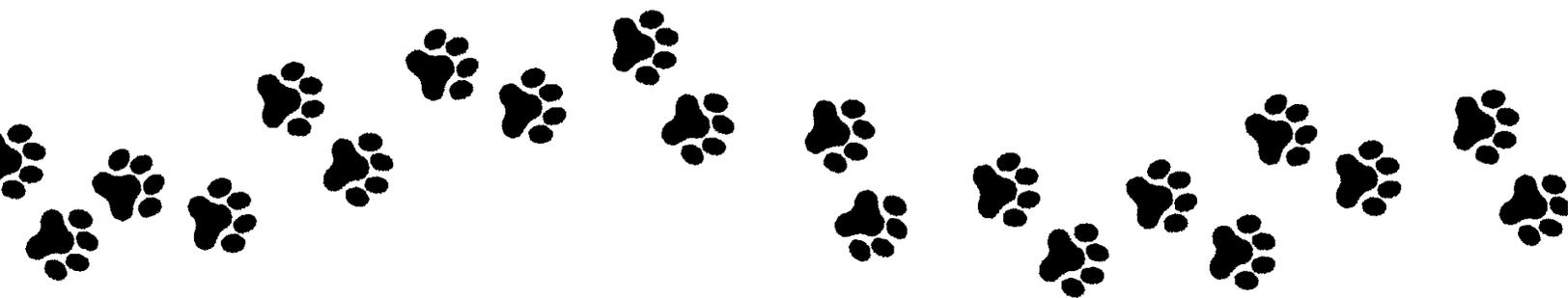




## Sarah Roberts

Secretary

How many Airedales share your life and what are their names and ages?	One Airedale, Waggy's Big Shot, call name Pete, will be five years old in May, and I can't believe the time has gone by so fast with him.
How / why did you become involved with Airedales?	Both of my sisters have dogs in their families, but I had never had one. When my husband died and my son was away at college, I decided it was time. I knew it had to be an Airedale; I've just always loved them. I researched on the internet, read books, went to watch the club-sponsored obedience classes taught by Karen LaPierre and the Trim and Train class (yes, these wonderful classes serve an outreach function, too), and when I heard that a one-year-old dog might be available in Oregon, I made the leap -- and the rest, as they say, is history. Pete has introduced me to so many nice people.
What is it that you love about the Airedale?	Loving, demanding, funny, intelligent, loyal, energetic, adaptable, beautiful, alert, protective -- oh, and did I mention loving, demanding, and funny?
What is your most memorable story about life with your Airedales?	I couldn't begin to say.
In what event(s) do you enjoy participating with your Airedale(s)?	Grooming, walking in beautiful places with other Airedales, road trips.
In what other dog organizations do you participate, if any?	None
What is your goal for CATC during your term as secretary?	Be active and effective in opposing anti-pet legislation, and expand our offering of informal events, such as dog walks, where people and dogs can enjoy exercise, good food, and good fellowship.

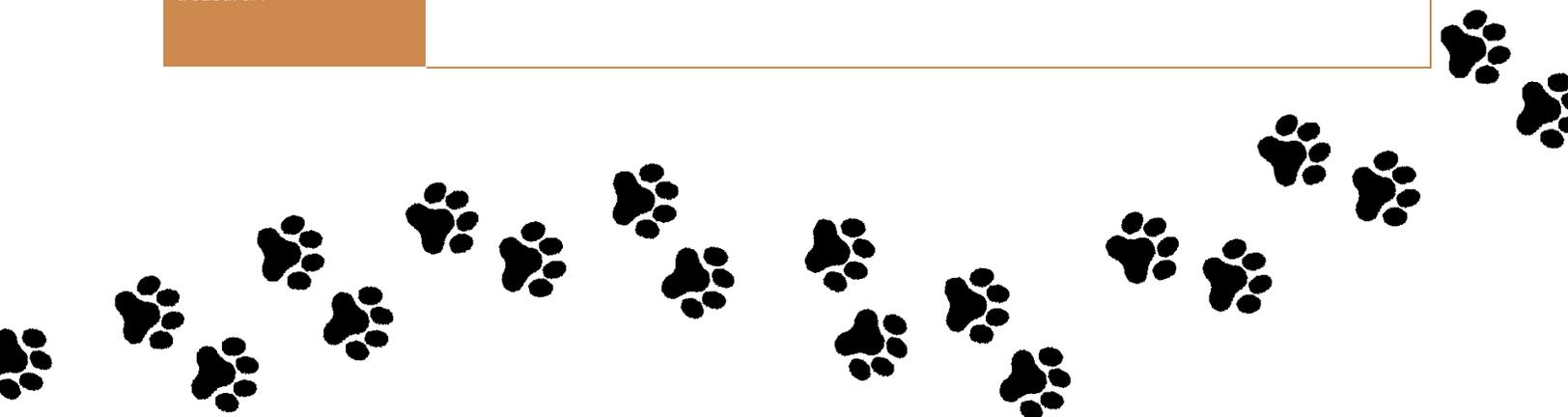




## Ron Colvin

Treasurer

<p>How many Airedales share your life and what are their names and ages?</p>	<p>One. Her name is Ch Keystones Riverdance and we call her Jiggs. She is full of life and she is 8 years old.</p>
<p>How / why did you become involved with Airedales?</p>	<p>Well, we had a beagle that was 17 yrs old and we decided to get another dog so we got some dog books and started looking. Our first dog show was Golden Gate. We wanted a bigger dog and decided that an Airedale or a Wheaton looked like a good choice. We ran into a lady by the name of Liz Younger, and if you ever knew Liz she was sold on Airedales....anyway, to make a long story short, we put our name in for an Airedale and we got a call that Bob and Nancy Bridge had some puppies. Now we had no intention of showing, but we wanted a nice dog. Well...Bob and Nancy took us under their wings and the next thing we knew we were showing our Dog Meggin and she finished at the Fall specialty in San Rafael with a 5 point Major...and we've been hooked ever since!</p>
<p>What is it that you love about the Airedale?</p>	<p>Personality.....</p>
<p>What is your most memorable story about life with your Airedales?</p>	<p>Well, the cold weather we're having reminds me of a time when we took our dogs Meggin and Hannah up to the snow in the Livermore hills. We turned them loose and they were running around in the snow biting at the it. . .they were like kids! I would make a snowball and throw it, they would go to get it and be looking all over but couldn't find it because it blended in with the rest of the snow. We also took them to half moon bay one time and turned them loose on the beach and let them run. It was early and no one was around and they had a great time, although salt water probably isn't the best thing for furnishings!</p>
<p>In what event(s) do you enjoy participating with your Airedale(s)?</p>	<p>Confirmation and obedience. I put a CDX on Meggin and there were no other Airedales in obedience when we were showing.</p>
<p>In what other dog organizations do you participate, if any?</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>What is your goal for CATC during your term as treasurer?</p>	<p>To try and keep the books straight.--</p>





## Chris Hyde

Director

How many Airedales share your life and what are their names and ages?

I currently own Kudos Gale Force UD NJP RN better known as George age 11 and Plum Perfect's All That Jazz better known as Jazz age 3

How / why did you become involved with Airedales?

My association with Airedale Terriers began when I was about 10 years old. I was vacationing with my family at the Circle H Ranch in the Sierra Nevada. We were sitting around a campfire singing songs and spinning yarns when a shaggy creature stuck its wet nose in my face and then dropped its whole body into my lap. There it stayed, content to be petted and scratched behind the ears. When I stopped petting, it came alive and reminded me to get my fingers moving. This went on for most of the evening. As the embers started to fade, a sharp whistle woke the creature, "Kelly, saddle up!" My companion jumped up and was gone. I registered a picture of a shaggy dog that faintly remained in my mind over the years. When I later spotted such canines, I thought back to the "Kelly dog." I had no name for the dog's breed. *Slow forward many years.* . . . . I was actively involved in showing my Morgan horse. (Kota had come from the Circle H Ranch.) Pat Swift was among the many Morgan colleagues whose company I enjoyed. I was particularly fascinated with the "Kelly dog" that shadowed Pat everywhere off leash—even into the stall in the ladies' restroom. Pat educated me about Airedale Terriers. *Slow forward some years to August '78.* . . . . I was planning the purchase of my first property. Finally I would be able to extend my family to include (of course!) a dog, cats, and Morgan horses (my father had wisely limited me to one horse.) I contemplated my dog situation. My dog Katie, a German shorthaired pointer, had lived with me at my parents' home. It didn't seem fair for an older dog to establish a new residence and routine. How would she adapt to her owner running off to work each morning? Would my parents want to start over with a new puppy? Many things to think about. Katie, my horses, and I traveled to the annual Morgan horse show in Plymouth. We gathered with a group of friends including Pat Swift and family. As we were setting up camp, a woman shared, "We have a brand new litter—just born yesterday!" Later details: a litter of Airedale Terriers, full siblings to Pat's two-year-old female. The big Airedale in the Sky touched me! My brain started whirling, "An entirely new breed, a new puppy, a 'kelly dog', leave Katie with Mom and Dad, new address, new companion, go for it!!" "How much?" "Seventy-five dollars."

In response to the news my mother replied, "An Airedale? When I was growing up, there was a huge Airedale down the street. Those dogs are mean!!"

What is it that you love about the Airedale?

I love that my dogs are up and at 'em companions, always ready to do something. They put their hearts and souls into everything that they do. I wish I had their energy!

What is your most memorable story about life with your Airedales?

One of my Airedales, Kudos Dustin Morgan, ate a complete cloth napkin in one gulp. Several days later it reappeared and following laundering, was as good as new!

In what event(s) do you enjoy participating with your Airedale(s)?

Showing in the breed ring (new to us this year), training and showing in obedience, training and showing in agility

In what other dog organizations do you participate, if any?

I train weekly with the Monterey Bay Dog Training Club in Watsonville; I first trained there in 1967!

What is your goal for CATC during your term as a director?

To plan and support a memorable 2009 specialty, a centennial celebration of which our club can be proud and to encourage new membership by ensuring that our club meetings are enjoyable and worthy of attendance



## Nancy Strohmaier

Director

How many Airedales share your life and what are their names and ages?

We have two Airedales, Kirby, ~13, and Shiraz, 3½.

How / why did you become involved with Airedales?

Kirby is our first Airedale. We wanted a fun-filled family dog and a larger sized dog for a protective presence. A big plus, was that Airedale's don't shed as much as other breeds. Kirby, as a puppy, was the biggest, plumpiest of the bunch with a laid back demeanor. Kirby filled his role expertly. Kirby has a natural talent with children, senior citizens and those with handicaps. He is a natural "peacekeeper" among other agitated dogs and people, alike. His big "woof" along with his size presents the appearance of a formidable protector. Kirby introduced our family to obedience training and the competition ring as he earned his CD (Companion Dog) title. We met many wonderful people while embarking on this journey. Kirby had a best friend from obedience class a large, white Pyrenees named Chas. After class or at Placentia Field, the two dogs would play, run and rough house.

Three years later, we adopted our second Airedale puppy, Arial, from the same wonderful breeders, the Jacobsen's. Kirby absolutely adored Arial, and they were inseparable. Arial was a bundle of lovable energy with a strong predatory instinct. She was purposeful, protective, playful, cunning and a show girl, too. Arial became our first Champion! Then, she dabbled with obedience, tracking and a little agility.

A few years later, along came Shiraz. Wow, we had absolutely no idea what was in store! Sitting in my lap, looking out the window during the entire ride to her new home, Shiraz marched into the house, head and tail held high, and right down the hallway to meet Arial and Kirby! Arial and Kirby accepted her right off the bat (no other choice, I suspect!). Shiraz studiously observed everything Kirby did. Arial and Shiraz chased, played and rough-housed almost non-stop! Baring teeth, growling and eventually, a Shiraz' surrender with a roll-over, belly up only for a moment, then another round of play. Soon, Shiraz was our second Champion. Unfortunately, we lost Arial suddenly to a heart attack induced by malignant tumors. It was a difficult transition for all of us. Shiraz and I picked up the tracking lessons that Arial had started. She has earned a RN (Rally Novice) title last year. We've been obedience training for the past couple months.

What is it that you love about the Airedale?

Their sense of fun, their intelligence and their loyalty.

What is your most memorable story about life with your Airedales?

One memorable memory was attending a CATC Fun Match with Kirby dressed as a beach bum and Arial as a hula dancer.

In what event(s) do you enjoy participating with your Airedale(s)?

Confirmation, obedience, tracking and rally.

In what other dog organizations do you participate, if any?

My husband, Bill, and I are members of San Joaquin Dog Training Club in Lodi, CA. where we were introduced to the tracking and rally events.

What is your goal for CATC during your term as a director?

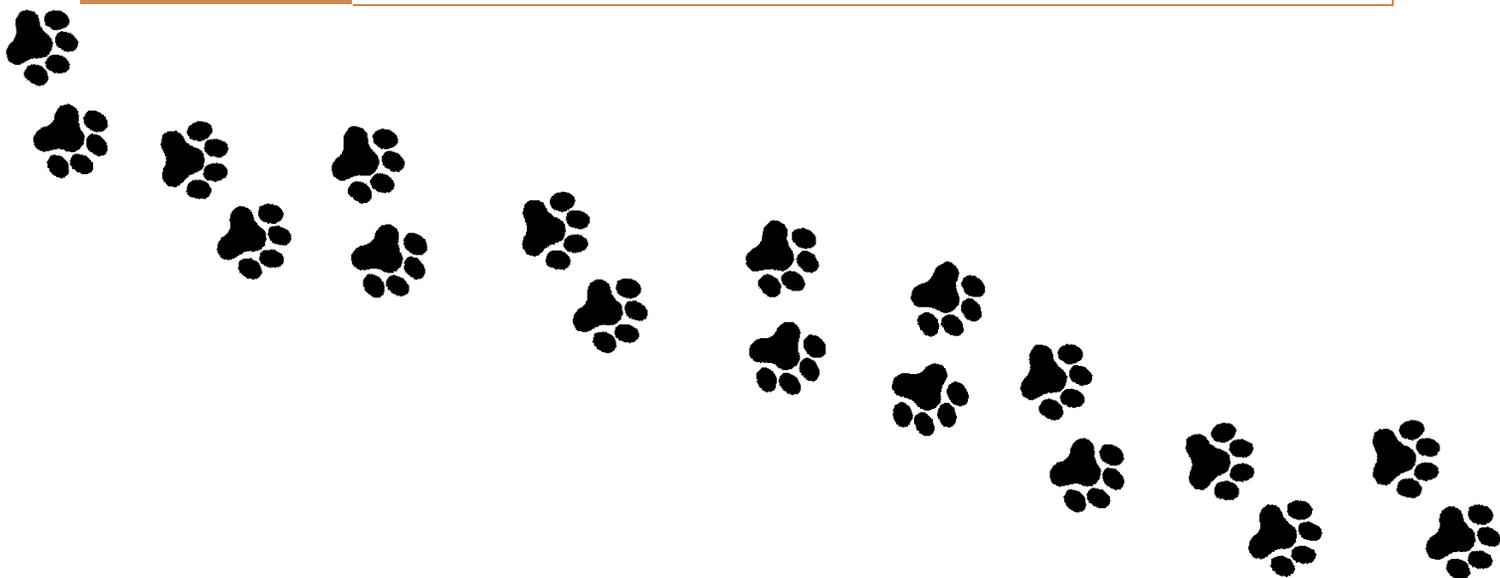
I was pleasantly surprised to be recommended for a CATC obedience position. There are several members with much more obedience experience and successes so my goals are to continue to have fun with Airedales while learning about the various performance events; organize club sponsored obedience lessons and help out as much as possible with club events. If you have any ideas, please feel free to contact me!



## Angie Shear

Director

How many Airedales share your life and what are their names and ages?	I live with two Airedales: Terrific Jump n Jive CD RAE AXJ OA OJP OAP NFP, "Jazz" lives with my parents and she is 6 ½; and Ch. Terrific Just Like Magic RN NAJ "Magic", who is 5
How / why did you become involved with Airedales?	I have always liked the breed and became interested in Airedales as a child. I have never wanted a different breed.
What is it that you love about the Airedale?	I love their personality and their independence
What is your most memorable story about life with your Airedales?	
In what event(s) do you enjoy participating with your Airedale(s)?	Confirmation, Agility, Rally, and Obedience
In what other dog organizations do you participate, if any?	San Joaquin Kennel Club
What is your goal for CATC during your term as a director?	I would really like to see the club come together and work together to better the breed while enjoying others with the same interest.

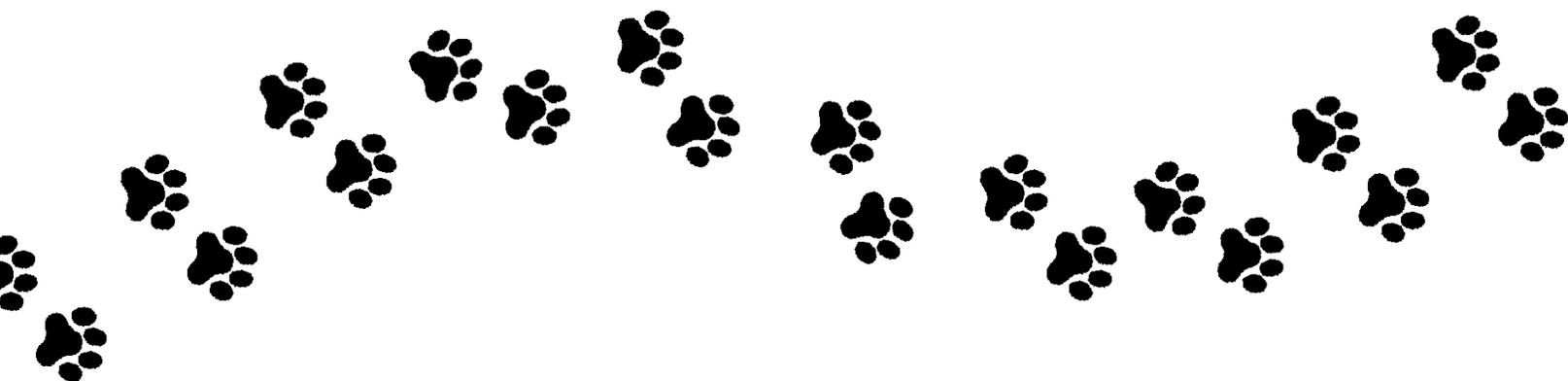




## Kristi Burrus

Director

How many Airedales share your life and what are their names and ages?	I live with two Airedales: Devonshire's Celtic Storm RN (Jasmine), she will be will be five in March and Hardknot Coverdale Garland Flower (Daphne), she will be two in March.
How / why did you become involved with Airedales?	I had wanted an Airedale since I fell in love with one that belonged to a family friend when I was about 12. My daughter was allergic so we couldn't have pets when she lived at home. After she moved out it took me 2 years to convince my husband that we should get a dog. It wasn't easy to locate an Airedale puppy. I didn't know that much about the breed and consider my self very lucky that I was able to get a puppy that was bred to the standard by Caroline Kirkham.
What is it that you love about the Airedale?	What I love about the Airedale is their perfect blend of intelligence and a sense of humor. And, off course, I love the way they look.
What is your most memorable story about life with your Airedales?	Life with Airedales is full of memorable stories, but the remarkable thing is the contrast of life before Airedales. After we had lived with Jasmine for several months, my husband remarked one day "What did we do before we had Jasmine? I can't remember."
In what event(s) do you enjoy participating with your Airedale(s)?	I enjoy showing in conformation and rally with my Airedales and also participating in fun day/match. We also enjoy hiking and camping with the girls.
In what other dog organizations do you participate, if any?	At this time CATC is the only dog organization I am involved with.
What is your goal for CATC during your term as a director?	I hope to be of service to CATC while I continue to learn a lot from the members. I would like to see us organize more informal gatherings such as dog walks in which all members would enjoy participating.



## Amanda Albers

Director

How many Airedales share your life and what are their names and ages?	I have two Airedales: Aleigh, age 12 and Brooks, age 7 1/2
How / why did you become involved with Airedales?	I loved the look of the Airedale and wanted to develop a camaraderie with other Airedale owners
What is it that you love about the Airedale?	Airedales are a challenge to raise—I love challenges!!
What is your most memorable story about life with your Airedales?	Life with an Airedale is interesting (to say the least). I think Airedales know when another Airedale is around and are on their best behavior. I have seen this over and over
In what event(s) do you enjoy participating with your Airedale(s)?	My Airedales are pet/companions. I like the dog walks, but wish we'd (the board) would schedule them to be a little more accessible to all members
In what other dog organizations do you participate, if any?	None
What is your goal for CATC during your term as a director?	I really don't feel I have much input regarding the various events, as I've never been involved in conformation and such. But I hope I participate in terms of fair-minded decision making and fun for all



# ***CATC Calendar and General Information***

## **Standing Committee Chairs**

Achievement Awards:	Georgia McRae
Agility	Angie Shear
ADOA	Karen McElhaney
AKC Delegate	Kayla Kurucz
Breeder Referral	Deidre Hernandez
Education	Virginia Smith
Fun Day	Sarah Roberts
Sanctioned Match	Angie Shear Devon Allen
Golden Gate Decor	Deirdre Hernandez Patty Gregg
Historian	Nancy Bridge
Judges Selection	Kayla Kurucz, Deirdre Hernandez Devon Allen
Membership/ Subscriptions	Georgia McRae
Newsletter	Kimberley Harper Kristin Munson
Obedience	Nancy Strohmaier
Policy & Procedures	Carol Jaech
Rescue	Virginia Smith
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Sunshine Committee	Helen Piperis
Trim & Train	Lowell Jennings
Trophies	Connie Jennings
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## **2008 CATC Meetings, All Airedalers Invited**

February 23, 2008	Cattlemen's Restaurant. Livermore
April 26, 2008	Home of Lowell & Connie Jennings Hollister, CA
August 9, 2008	TBD
November 1, 2008	Home of Virginia Smith Acampo, CA
December 6, 2008	Home of Kayla Kurucz San Jose, CA

## **Board Meetings 2008**

January 12	June 28
March 8	November 15

## **CATC Activities 2008**

Fun Day	September 20
Sanctioned Match	May 31
Obedience Classes	March 8, 15, 29; April 5, 26; May 3, 10, 24
2008 Specialty	April 10-13
Supported Entry, Del Valle	October 19, 20
Trim & Train	March 15, 29 April 4, 26 May 10, 24

## **CATC Officers**

Patricia Gregg, President
Deidre Hernandez, Vice-President
Ron Colvin, Treasurer
Sarah Roberts, Secretary

## **CATC Directors**

2008: Chris Hyde, Nancy Strohmeier
2009: Angie Shear, Kristi Burrus, Amanda Albers

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