



AIREDALE TERRIER CLUB  
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GCH Darling's Lucy In The Sky With Diamonds  
winning her second ATCA National Specialty.

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### The Club Objectives

- (a) To encourage those who breed Airedale Terriers to do so responsibly and with the welfare and improvement of the breed having highest priority.
- (b) To urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club as the only standard of perfection by which Airedale Terriers shall be judged.
- (c) To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at dog shows and obedience trials.
- (d) To conduct sanctioned and licensed specialty shows under the rules of the American Kennel Club.
- (d) To institute and maintain programs which promote the welfare of individual Airedale Terriers through rescue and education, and through any other means which the Club considers helpful.

### Newsletter Disclaimer:

Newsletter articles are the views and opinions of the authors and are not official Club policy. Club policy is made only by motions passed by the board or by the voting membership.

## President's Message

Congratulations to Greg and Emma Darling on winning the ATCA National Specialty for the second time with GCH Darling's Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds! Lucy won the specialty at the Montgomery County Kennel Club in 2014 and this year won Best of Breed at Westminster Kennel Club and the ATCA National Specialty.

The Darlings are Lucy's breeders as well as her owners, so the honor is more than doubled! Lucy has retired from the show ring and will enjoy an even more pampered existence at home.

One of our members, Deb Todhunter attended her first Hunting Working Airedale weekend with her dog Trevor. You'll find pictures and a article on page 4. It is truly a joy to watch Airedales do what they were bred to do.

We had a terrific turn out at our September picnic at Frying Pan Park. (See page 9.) This is the favorite event of the year for our members and guests, due in large part, I'm sure, to our being able to bring our dogs with us! This coming year we will be working on finding an additional meeting location where our dogs can come, too. If you know of a park or venue that allows (read "welcomes!!) dogs please contact me.

Our next activity is the Scottish walk in Alexandria, Va on December 3rd. Member Susan Crawford has been our point person for this event for many years, but her family is moving this year and she will no longer be able to be the contact for this event. Wilder Leavitt ([wilderleavitt@gmail.com](mailto:wilderleavitt@gmail.com)) volunteered to step into this role and will be emailing info to all of our Airedale contacts in the next week. Meanwhile, see page 13 for more info.

The grooming information that was handed out at the picnic meeting is on the last two pages. Feel free to take the grooming template to your groomer!

## From the editor:

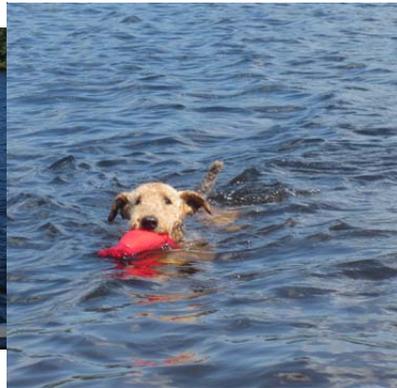
I hope all of our members and their Airedales had a good summer! As a club, we ended the summer on a high note with our Labor Day Weekend picnic at Frying Pan Farm Park. As usual, it was well attended by both people and Airedales, and this year the weather cooperated, too.

Several of our members have had success in the ring: Ann Riley's Gibson (Coldstream Joli Cœur) earned his pre-novice title and his Canine Good Neighbor certificate (Canadian equivalents of the AKC Beginner Novice and Canine Good Citizen titles), and Emma and Greg Darling's GCH Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds won the ATCA National Specialty for the second time.

Our next club event is the Scottish Walk in Old Town Alexandria, Virginia, which is always festive and fun. The date is December 3, 2016.

Thank you to those of you who weighed in on which behavior you wanted to learn more about in our training column. In response to your feedback, Ann Riley discusses how to train the Emergency Recall.

Please help me ensure that the newsletter reflects the interests of our members by contacting me with ideas for features, questions for Ask the Trainer, and news of your dog's accomplishments. I look forward to hearing from you at [jgrabin@aacc.edu](mailto:jgrabin@aacc.edu).



Jessica Rabin, "Willa," and friend spent the summer boating and swimming.



Jackie Peebles' "Alfie" does brunch with Jackie and Ann Cosgrove at Mon Ami Gabi in trendy Reston, VA, where dogs are welcomed.

# Hunting Working Airedales

by Deb Todhunter

Some of you may have heard of Corally Burmaster's "infamous" Bruce-Winnie litter. I was fortunate enough (though sometimes I thought different) to get a puppy from that litter: Trevor the TERRIBLE. He was a horrible puppy. He ate everything, got into everything. He liked to chew on people as well as toys. He was stubborn; he was funny. (Editor's note: That actually sounds pretty normal for an Airedale puppy!) He went through Beginner obedience three times, Intermediate twice. We were very tempted to return him, but I was determined to see this through. All of Corally's dogs are beautiful Airedales with great temperaments, but the Bruce-Winnie litter was bred specifically to be hunting-working dogs with very high drive and endless energy, qualities that are required for a good hunting dog. Corally urged me to be patient. I needed to find a way to channel that energy.

Corally told me about Hunting Working Airedales. After hearing about the club, I contacted their president, Chris Halvorson, and learned the potential of my incorrigible dog. (Three of Trevor's siblings were already in training.) Hunting Working Airedales is an organization devoted to maintaining and promoting the breed's hunting instincts and abilities, capable of flushing upland birds, retrieving fowl, and tracking fur.



Trevor's first encounter with a live raccoon!  
He gives it a hard eyed stare. No fear here!

Did you know Airedales are hunters and retrievers? Did you know the Airedale was developed as a hunting dog for sport and utility by the practical farmers of Yorkshire, England, that the size, speed and scenting ability of Airedales gave them the versatility to retrieve waterfowl and flush game? Did you know Airedales have been recognized by the AKC as hunters and retrievers?

Hunting Working Airedales holds two major events each year: the

Fun in the Field event for pups and training, and the Airedale Field Nationals for beginners and Airedales with some experience. I attended the Airedale Field Nationals in Chillicothe, Ohio, with my infamous Bruce-Winnie litter offspring, Trevor. We signed up for the Beginners' Workshop, Hunting Instinct Test, Barkathon, and HWA Banquet and Auction.

Barkathon is a fun event where the Airedales are allowed to "work" a tree with a raccoon in a protective cage kept safely out of reach. The Airedale that barks the

most barks in one minute is the winner. (The raccoon is later released unharmed and away from the dogs.)

The Barkathon was held on Friday. Trevor loved barking at the raccoon. Took him a few seconds to figure out what was in the tree; then he really wanted that raccoon. While Trevor did not win the Barkathon, his brother Tuck barked 79 barks in one minute and won first place in the division of dogs who don't yet have a fur title.

Next was the Instinct Test. Hunting Instinct Test is for untrained pups, 6 months of age or older, and untrained Airedales. The dogs are run through a series of exercises to assess their aptitude for tracking, retrieving, reacting to live game and a gunshot, and swimming. While Trevor did not pass the instinct test and wasn't too crazy about the water, he did get a chance to



Trevor goes for his pick up in the Hunting Instinct Test with focus and intensity.



Trevor demonstrates his prey drive in the Hunting Instinct Test.

discover the raccoon again, a bird in a cage, and a dead bird. He also got to retrieve a stuffed raccoon, which he wanted to share with the other dogs. It was great fun watching all the young dogs.

Saturday was Upland (Flushing) test and the Retriever test. The Upland test scores a dog's nose and drive for finding and flushing birds, then retrieving ability to bring the birds to the handler. The joy on the dogs' faces when they first flush a bird or make a retrieve is priceless. Never have I seen so many dogs having fun doing their job. It was heartwarming to watch.

Saturday evening was the banquet: good fun and good food. What a wonderful bunch of people! I attended the Field Nationals alone. There was always someone willing to help me and explain the events. And watching Airedales do their job and the joy with which they perform it made the weekend. I went home with a very happy, very tired Airedale.

## More information on HWA...

For over 30 years, Airedaler owners have gotten together on an annual basis to celebrate the Airedale's versatility as a hunting dog. Hunting tests are held in tracking fur, flushing birds and retrieving. There is nothing more joyous than an Airedale doing what it was bred to do!

For more information on Hunting Working Airedales go to  
<http://huntingworkingairedales.com/>



Flushing upland birds!



Retrieving!





Water retrieve!

Barking Treed Fur



And doing it all really well!

Chris Halvorson, President of Hunting Working Airedales, with "Bruce," Coldstream Born in the USA, MH, CD, RA, MH Fur SHV\* and "Mike," Coldstream Make My Day SHFur, JHF and 3 of the 4 legs required for his JH title.\*\*

Translating the acronyms:

\*MH (Master Hunter) CD (Companion Dog) RA (Rally Advanced) MHFur (Master Hunter Fur)SHV (Senior Hunter Versatile MHF (Master Hunter Flushing)

\*\*ATCA/HWA SHFur (Senior Hunter Fur) and the HWA title of JHF (Junior Hunter Flushing). JH (Junior Hunter)

## Airedale Accomplishments

Congratulations to Ann Riley and Gibson!

Ann writes: I took my dog, Gibson (Coldstream Joli Cœur), to his first obedience trial and my first trial in Canada the weekend of September 18. The show was organized with 2 trials on Saturday and 2 on Sunday so that it was possible to get a title in one weekend. Gibson got his pre-novice title, which is the same as a beginner novice title in the US although the "stay" is different. He also got a Canine Good Neighbor certificate which is similar to a Canine Good Citizen in the US.



Gibson mugging for the camera with his qualifying ribbons.



Not only did Darling's Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds win Best of Breed at Montgomery, she also took a Group 3. Congratulations to Gred and Emma Darling.

## Picnic at Frying Pan Park

ATCMW held our always-popular picnic at Frying Pan Park on Saturday, September 3. The weather was beautiful, and 53 people and about 25 Airedales attended.

The Club provided Deli sandwiches and members and guests brought an abundance of side dishes, drinks and desserts! Food filled two picnic tables with no room to spare.



Pam McKusick brought the cake with the Club logo.



Who then gets loved on by Lori Davis.



The picnic is a great opportunity to socialize puppies! Anne and Caileigh Houston and Jen Burch play with a 12 week old puppy....



Making a fashion statement.



The Groenevelds, Wilder Leavitt and Jessica Rabin watching the grooming demo.



After lunch, Corally with the patient Drew demonstrate how to keep up with our dogs' weekly grooming needs.



Jeanne Esmond and Indy demonstrate how to Dremel nails.



Corally strips out the puppy coat to allow the hard adult coat to come in. It wasn't appreciated by the puppy.

# Ask the Trainer:

by Ann Riley

In our last issue, we briefly addressed the question posed to us by one of our members: "In addition to the basic commands, *sit*, *stay* and *come*, what do you think are the 'must have' commands that every dog should master?"

The behavior that most interested our members was the emergency recall. Here is Ann Riley's explanation of how to train this behavior:

I learned this at a Ken Ramirez seminar last March in Virginia. It was a great seminar, and if you want to know more, google Mr. Ramirez and look at his books or articles directly, but here is what I did to train the emergency recall. The object of this is to have a fast and sure-fire way to get your dog back even if there are major distractions or your dog is far away. You need a loud sound, like a whistle or an electronic thing that has a loud siren or alarm. I use a whistle, and I keep it on a lanyard hanging by my door and take it with me when I walk my dog off-lead up here in the woods [in La Minerve, Canada] or if I take him to the fenced dog-park in Baltimore when I am there.

I started by pairing the sound of the whistle with a high value treat and a huge dog party, lots playing and petting. After a few times, I would blow the whistle a short distance away, and the dog would bound over to me for the treat and celebration. Then you move to another room, another floor, etc. The trick to this is that you have to use a huge reward so that your dog will come to you even if he is chasing a deer, playing with another dog, etc. You will need to build distance and distractions in a fenced area or using a long line. You need to use this rarely and always reward it. When you blow the whistle, keep repeating it until the dog comes to you. I know that many of us train to have our dogs perform the behavior on the first and only cue, but this is different. You want your dog to be able to find you if he is out of sight, and this way he can keep orienting to the sound.

I found this easy to train, and it really works. I have used this to call my dog home when he is at my neighbor's house (more than a  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile away) playing with his best friend, and he came flying home at top speed. You have to use it sparingly, but practice it once in a while to keep him in the game. A couple of cautions are in order. Even though my dog will come through fire for this, I do not let him loose intentionally unless I am waiting him and I am confident he will come back to me on a regular recall with my voice. And I never let him loose anywhere that a mistake might kill him, like in the city or any place near a road. In addition, running for me no matter the distractions has a downside too. He would run across an 8 lane highway, so be careful when and where you use this!

The link that follows shows Gibson coming to me on the emergency recall. I am quite a distance out of sight from him in the woods with plenty of distractions when I start

the whistle. This is, of course, a planned practice run, but he will interrupt a play session with other dogs, or turn around and come back if he is running after a deer and do the same thing. Click here to view the video: <https://youtu.be/H9euyOckDY>

## Spotlight on Rescue

As told to Ann Riley by Pam McKusick

Pam currently has no dogs in rescue but there will be more to come. She placed 2 Airedale mixes in the last couple of months although she has not used AR funds to support them. One was an Airedale poodle cross that she placed in August. More recently, she was called by BARCS in Baltimore to take a 10-month-old Airedale that also turned out to be a mix. Pam picked him up at the end of September and was able to place him with a nice family just outside of Baltimore on October 5.

Contributions to Airedale Rescue are now tax deductible. Your contributions help pay for vet care, housing and food for rescued dogs. You can also volunteer by fostering, walking dogs, grooming etc. Please contact Pam at [mckusick@verizon.net](mailto:mckusick@verizon.net) to donate or volunteer!

## Save the Date!

Scottish Walk on December 3, 2016



<http://dc.about.com/od/christmasevents/a/AlexScotWalk.htm>

# AIREDALE GROOMING TOOLS



- Terrier Palm Pad for leg hair

<http://price.saleSpider.com/cpida-c24673c2def3568764cb5bae0aecc6a3/terrier-palm-pad>



- Greyhound Comb to be used on entire body to remove loose hair. You can get a black teflon coated 7 1/2 by 1 inch comb by calling Jane Brumbaugh of A Magic Reflection Pet Supplies at 352-748-2022. Reference the ATCMW and ask for the Black Greyhound Style comb and she will give you the price of \$20.00. BEST COMB EVER!



[http://www.groomerssmall.com/acc\\_knives.htm](http://www.groomerssmall.com/acc_knives.htm)

Used to be called a "Classic" stripper, but now called a "Franklin."



- Mars Coat King ([www.groomerssmall.com/coat\\_kings.htm#DoubleWide](http://www.groomerssmall.com/coat_kings.htm#DoubleWide)) Get a double wide course stripper.



- Nail Trimmers Scissor style, not guillotine style. Better still you can get a Dremel with a grinding wheel that you can put sandpaper on. Home Depot.



Wire hound brush for backcoat

<http://www.storesonline.com/site/605764/product/573-9812802>

## SCHEDULE

- Twice a week - brush and comb back coat and furnishings with palm pad and comb.
- Once a week - trim nails. A small bit taken off once a week will keep the nails short. It will also keep him used to having the nails done and will avoid his struggling.
  - rake coat thoroughly with the Mars Coat King to remove dead hair and undercoat.
- Monthly - cut hair out from between pads using blunt end scissors. Check inside ears and clean with alcohol if necessary.
- Every 3-4 months - clip the body or have it done professionally. Use the Mars Coat King before clipping to maintain the dark color of the coat. If you do not rake out the dead hair and undercoat first, the dog's coat will turn grey. If you take him to a groomer, **make certain the groomer knows that he should NOT be trimmed like a poodle or a schnauzer.**

# Grooming Chart for the Airedale Terrier

Use this chart for yourself or take it to your groomer as a template!

