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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:

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From the President

We held a very successful specialty on April 21st. We had a record number of entries and a huge ringside turnout of spectators. And the ATCMW was the first Airedale club to use a judge who qualified through the Parent Club's Recommendation for AKC approval on a member of their club to judge their breed.

Last year I submitted Dianna Fielder's name to the Airedale Terrier Club of America and the ATCA sent her name to the American Kennel Club with their recommendation for the AKC to approve her to judge Airedales. Dianna will describe her approval process in the next edition of the American Airedale. And I will begin the process of submitting another long time breeder's name to the ATCA, since I believe that was what made this show the success that it was!

At our luncheon meeting in March, I mention that a raise in dues needs to happen. It has been the same amount for at least 20 years, while expenses have increased over that same period of time. Our By-Laws state:

"Membership dues shall be set by the membership and may be changed by those members present at any Club Meeting, provided that the discussion of and possible change in dues is listed on the agenda sent to the membership with the meeting notice."

It was with a great deal of sadness that we learned of the death this week of Malcolm Graham. Mal was a member of the ATCMW for decades and a fixture at all of our activities until his failing health prevented attendance. His particular interest was obedience work, and over the years put advanced AKC obedience titles on several of his Airedales. He was also a regular at the Hunting Working Airedales Nationals, held in OH every year, working his dogs in field work.

Mal truly appreciated the versatile Airedale, and he will be missed.

From the Editor

The ATCMW and its members had a busy spring, as our newsletter reflects. Our next issue will come out at the end of the summer. Please start thinking about submissions now. It is never too early to send in your articles or photos. If you have any idea for an article but don't wish to do the writing yourself, I'm happy to help you put your thoughts on paper. Hope you and your Airedale(s) have a great summer!



Willa takes some leisure time on a pier on the Chesapeake Bay

Front Cover:
The ATCMW 2017 Trophy Table. Thanks to Trophy Chair Deb Todhunter for her hard work putting it all together!

June 24, 2017 Membership Meeting Agenda

President's Report
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Committee

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Increase in dues
Adjourn

Airedale Terrier Club of Metropolitan Washington
Luncheon Meeting at Cedar Knoll Restaurant, Alexandria, VA
Minutes of March 11, 2017

At 12:50 PM, President Corally Burmaster called the meeting to order. With a strong turnout of 28, we welcomed an informative presentation by our knowledgeable president on the details of a dog show. The majority of the club members are not breeders or handlers. Overall, we are a novice group with respect to how a dog show works. Given that our club's Specialty will be held April 21, 2017 at the Maryland State Fairgrounds, Timonium, MD, in conjunction with the Columbia Terrier Association of Maryland, it was an appropriate time to provide an overview of the event.

Dog shows can be large All-Breed shows or be geared to feature local specialty clubs, featuring a specific breed, such as our event on April 21, 2017. Males and females are shown separately and in a variety of classes. After these classes are judged, all the dogs that won first place in each class will compete again to see who is the best of the winning dogs. Championship points are awarded for Winners Dog and Winners Bitch. Best of Breed is chosen from among the Champions shown in the BOB class and the WD and WB. In an All-Breed Show, there are seven groups: Sporting, Working, Herding, Toy, Non-Sporting, Terrier and Hound. The winner of each of the groups will go on to compete in Best in Show.

Other AKC titles also include tests of instinct and trainability, such as herding trials, tracking, obedience, Canine Good Citizen, and earth dog, to name a few. The AKC has just added two new titling activities: Scent Work and Trick Dog.

President Burmaster was thrilled to have Dianna Fielder as our Specialty judge, being a breeder, owner, handler and judge; she brings the full circle of knowledge to the ring. Dianna Fielder is from the Atlanta, GA area and has Kyna's Airedales.

At 1:20 PM, President Burmaster called the meeting to order and welcomed guests Ann & Mark Kington, Ann Cosgrove, Nancy Nykamp & daughter Olivia, and Joshua Brewer & Melissa Tyson.

Old Business:

1. The President thanked board member Wilder Leavitt for conducting the club survey. Karen Curley missed getting the survey, and we will check her email address in our records. The membership seeks more events with our dogs. President Burmaster indicated that the club has no liability coverage, only Errors & Omissions. Club members are free to get together and have their own play dates. The club is exploring another venue like the fall Frying Pan Park meeting and looking for a Maryland liaison to coordinate.
2. The Recording Secretary, Ginger Robinson did not have minutes to provide from our last meetings. (July Bertucci's and Sept FPP 2016) Mary Morningstar has volunteered to be a back-up.

3. Treasurer Esmond reported our balance as of 3/11/2017. More details are attached with respect to the specific costs for our events and programs.

Committee Reports-

1. Pam McKusick, our Rescue Chair, reported three dogs were in need of attention. One is an Airedale mix and another is a sweet girl, dense coat, not typical "typy". The third dog is a male coming from a family without time given the arrival of a new baby. He is ten years old and being treated for heartworm.

Pam introduced Don and Michelle Gavin, who adopted "Topaz" from the hoarding situation last year. She is now renamed Bella and with a loving family.

2. Deb Todhunter, our Trophy Chair, showed the club the new pewter awards for the upcoming Specialty Show. These are outstanding, and her efforts are greatly appreciated. The Club will be sad to see the Todhunter family moving to Iowa.
3. No other unfinished business was reported.

New Business:

1. President Burmaster suggests we raise the club dues by \$5.00.
2. Raffle tickets were sold with the proceeds going to rescue. Olivia Nykamp was the ticket drawer. Elaine LaMontagne won the Dog's Toy-Filled Play Basket provided by President Burmaster. Jeanne Esmond won the stained glass Airedale, Deb Todhunter the framed Airedale, Margie Goodyear the Airedale calendar, and Josh Brewer the Slate Airedale picture. Thanks to Pam McKusick, Jeanne Esmond, and Corally Burmaster for their donations.
3. Overall, feedback was positive for returning to Cedar Knoll for our luncheon meeting. The food was much improved.

At 1:45 PM, a motion to adjourn was made , seconded and passed.

Attendees: President Burmaster; Vice President Karl Broom; Treasurer Jeanne Esmond; Secretary Ginger Robinson; Board Members: Pam McKusick and Jeff & Karen Miller.

Debo West, Margie & Franklin Goodyear, Marie Hammond, Emma & Greg Darling, Joshua Brewer, Ed Burns, Ann Cosgrove, Karen Curley, Michelle & Don Gavin, Mark & Ann Kington, Elaine LaMontagne, Deb Todhunter, Melissa Tyson, Nancy & Olivia Nykamp.

Respectfully filed by Ginger Robinson



ATCMW Congratulates Ann Riley and Gibson (Coldstream Joli Couer) on their success in Obedience and Rally. Gibson recently earned his Novice Obedience (CD) and Rally Novice (RN) titles, as well as getting his first leg in Rally Advanced. Great job to both of you!

It's a Small World After All

By Ginger Robinson

Without a doubt, moving is at the top of the list for stress. There are a million variables to consider and nearly as many decisions to make.

In the spring of last year, my husband and I packed up our home of 25 years in Fairfax and moved to Lake Anna. Moving to a rural area was an adjustment; no grocery store or Trader Joe's just 3 minutes away, no trash service 4 times a week, and none of our closest circle of friends.

Now, our girl Bailey immediately thinks the move is just dandy. A quarter acre neighborhood lot had become quite small for an active and curious Airedale, who had mastered unlocking the fence gate. Moving to seven acres with 525 feet of waterfront was more to her liking, given the abundance of deer and other wildlife.

Across from our home, there is an undeveloped 40-acre parcel that the owner has made into a park with a maze of walking trails and benches. Bailey expects her daily walk, and this quickly became our regular go-to place. On our second walk here, Bailey takes off at lightning speed, giving chase to what I believe to be a fox. Wanting to keep an eye on my girl, I follow but at a mere mortal's pace. Yes, four legs beat two legs any day. I can hear dog commotion up ahead. Upon arrival, I discover a Bailey clone - yet another Airedale! In all our time in Fairfax, we only accidentally came upon a Welsh terrier.

Bailey meets a new BFF, and so do we. Ron and Ursula Canada have been lifelong Airedale owners and have one of Skippy Curley's dogs. Now, this is a small world! The neighborhood dog pack includes two chocolate labs, a mixed breed, and two Airedales. Kids at the bus stop bring people together, but dogs do, as well!

The story continues... Jim and I have long loved Key West. We started off with flying there for four or five fun-filled days. Over the next twenty years, our trips became longer and eventually, we decided to rent a home there for the month of January and drive. This past year, we enjoyed the month of January in Key West, and Bailey had to come to grips with walks on a leash due to cars and cats. Near our house is a park called Bayview, and in the



Frankie and Bailey



Tucker and Bailey

mornings, a regular dog group would gather. We would be fortunate to become friends with Scott and Karen Beauprie and their Airedale boy, Tucker.

Bailey now has her Key West boyfriend, Tucker. As fate would have it, Tucker was bred by Skippy Curley, Arily Kennels. Frankie Canada is actually Tucker Beauprie's mother. And check out Karen Beauprie's art work. She features Airedales in her watercolors: www.beausartstudio.com

We have now marked a year here at Lake Anna and have adjusted. We are a mere 50 minutes to our grandchildren, are making memories, and have expanded our circle of two- and four-legged friends, thanks to Bailey.

It really is a small world after all!

Catching Them Young: Willa and Gibson Visit Dogwood Elementary School By Jessica Rabin

Willa considers the campus of Anne Arundel Community College a second home—or perhaps a first home, as sometimes it seems that we spend more time at work than anywhere else. On March 10, we had the opportunity to visit a campus with students at the beginning of their educational careers when we were invited to Dogwood Elementary School in the Woodlawn area of Baltimore County. A first grade teacher asked our mutual vet if he had any clients with Service Dogs, and he made the introduction for us. As part of the English Language Arts curriculum, the entire first grade reads a book about a puppy that grows up to be a Guide Dog, and the teacher thought it would be meaningful for the students to meet a real Service Dog, as well.

I immediately asked Ann Riley if she would be willing to accompany us and serve as my Hearing Human. Hearing aids notwithstanding, I have a great deal of difficulty understanding new voices, especially those of children who are speaking softly, not making eye contact, and covering their faces when they speak. I also asked the teacher if Gibson could join us, with the thought that it would be nice for the children to be visited by a dog that they could pet, as well as one with whom they could put into practice what they had learned about not petting working dogs. The administration was fully supportive, and the four of us arrived to great excitement from the front office staff.

We opted to break our visit into two one-hour sessions so that the children would have a more intimate experience—and because I found the idea of walking into a room filled with 100 first-graders absolutely terrifying. There were 5 classes total, and all of the children were attentive and beautifully behaved throughout.

Presenting to children is always a nice opportunity to share information about Service Dogs, as well as to educate about different types of disabilities (especially those, like hearing impairment, that are not readily apparent). However, this presentation was particularly meaningful for me because I'm a product of Baltimore County Public Schools and because of the population we were able to reach. Dogwood Elementary School has a student population that is over 97% minority, and 63% of students qualify for free or reduced lunch. Their website has a flyer advertising free spay/neuter for pit bulls and cats. Clearly, this is a population that is not always exposed to the ways in which people and dogs can help each other. And it was great to reach these children when they were so young!

We began each session with a demo of Willa performing hearing alerts, and then we opened the floor to questions. Here is a sample of the questions that the groups asked, along with how Ann and I responded:

1. *When your Service Dog is sick, do you get a substitute?* What a wonderful question! I explained that Willa is my partner, and when she's sick, I stay home from work to take care of her and bring her to the vet—just like parents do for their children.
2. *Do Service Dogs get breaks?* Yes—walks and toys and play time. One of the teachers wanted to know what Willa does in the classroom while I'm teaching, and I explained about her mat and how the sound of my voice pretty much puts her to sleep, except for when I drop something and then she pops up to let me know.
3. *Can she have babies?* I spoke about Willa needing to concentrate on her job and not on puppies, while Ann took this opportunity to talk about the importance of spay/neuter and of leaving breeding to the experts.
4. *Does she have friends?* Yes, Gibson, among others!
5. *Can she do tricks?* Sure can! Gibson and Willa showed off their repertoire to an appreciative audience.
6. *Do Service Dogs eat cats?* No, but, as Ann explained, everyone should keep their cat inside and their dog on a leash.



Willa and Gibson attend school.

7. *Can there be a Service Cat?* No. Uh-uh. Not happening. No.
8. *Who trained your Service Dog?* In the story the children read, the puppy goes through a residential program before being placed with a partner, so I explained that Willa and I went to school together instead of her being sent to school by herself. Ann also discussed and demonstrated the rudiments of clicker training.
9. *Can kids have a Service Dog?* Bit of a landmine here. Yes, from some organizations and for certain disabilities, but the child has to be able to take responsibility for the dog to the extent that the dog will bond with the child and not the parent.
10. *Can you touch a Service Dog's tail?* This was a chance to explain why it is important not to disturb a working dog.
11. *Does Willa have a favorite toy?* Big Ball!
12. *What breed is Willa?* The puppy in the story was, predictably, a Lab, so I talked about how Hearing Dogs don't have to be as big as Guide Dogs or dogs that needed to pull wheelchairs or help people with their balance. As a fun aside, given that children norm on their own experience, there are now 100 little people running around Baltimore County who think that Airedales are the "normal" Hearing Dog breed.

When it was time to leave, all of the students lined up to pet Gibson. He stood there patiently while every child (and all of the teachers, too, come to think of it) petted his back. I really think Gibson should get a lifetime pass on the obedience "stand for exam" exercise, as well as receiving an honorary Therapy Dog title. He was such a great sport!

Ann and I got paw-print stickers and animal-themed thank you cards. Willa and Gibson were given PetSmart gift cards. I'm already looking forward to next year's visit with a whole new group of children!



Happy 4th Birthday to "Alfie," owned by Jackie Peebles.

Rescue Update

by Pam McKusick

I'm very sad to report that the senior Airedale who came into Rescue only had two months with his foster dad before he died. When I picked him up from his family, I took him directly to his foster dad—a wonderful man who has taken in many older Airedales who have found themselves in need of a home. He loves them, takes excellent care of them, and gives them the security of a home where they are valued. Bear had a number of health issues — including progressive heart disease that had been left untreated for some time. We had him evaluated and treated by the foster's vet and the cardiac specialists, and he was receiving meds for his heart condition. He enjoyed rides in the car, had a lovely yard to explore, took walks with his foster dad, sometimes slept on the bed with his foster dad, and sometimes curled up on one of his beds. The foster dad had been advised by the cardiologist to monitor Bear's respirations, and he regularly did so. On Bear's last night, the foster dad checked Bear's respirations around 12:30 a.m. They were slow, but not alarmingly so. In the morning, the foster dad found Bear, curled up on his bed - just as he had been earlier. He had slipped peacefully away during the night and crossed the Rainbow Bridge. It was very sad to lose him so soon, but we were comforted knowing that the last two months of his life were very good — he was secure and happy and well-loved. Rest well, Sweet Bear.

Amelia, the two-year-old Redline Airedale, has been adopted and is loving life in D.C. Her adopters are crazy about her, and she has quickly become the focal point of their lives. They regularly enjoy long walks in the city and explore the many parks and dog parks. They even have crossed the bridge into Virginia to explore Roosevelt Island. During the work week, she is a regular at the doggy day care and has made many new friends there. Smart Airedale that she is, she has learned to open the door to the inside corridor - and the employees quickly learned that they have to secure the door to keep her from leading a parade of her "colleagues" to another adventure in another part of the building. (Don't worry—these are all inside doors, and no chance to get out of the building!) She's very happy and settled in, and enjoying being the star attraction in her new home.



I remain grateful to all of you for your generous support of Airedale Rescue. Without you, it would be impossible to provide for the needs of those who come into our care, and deserve a second chance! Many, many thanks,

Currently in Rescue

Bailey is a fun loving 3-year-old Airedale-Hound mix who needs a new home. His family had a child 2 years ago, and they just do not have the time to give him what he deserves. He's very sweet-natured and loves to be touched—when his dad pats him, he flips right over and asks for a belly rub. He greets strangers politely and solicits snuggles and pats.

Bailey is a tall, muscular boy, 78lbs and 28" at the shoulder. His coat is thick, shiny, and a bit coarse. He does shed, likely the hound in him. He is healthy and neutered, and his vaccinations are up to date. He has been on Heartworm and flea/tick preventatives. He is completely house-trained and has gone as long as 10 hours, but we all agree that is much to ask.



The mom can't walk him when she's walking with the baby—he's very strong and wants to investigate when he sees a squirrel or cat. The hound in him makes him an excellent "sniffer". His long legs make him a fast runner. When he's alone during the day, he is either crated or, if the weather's not too cold, on the enclosed sun porch. He respects baby gates that keep him in the kitchen when the baby is walking or crawling in the dining room or living room.

He gets along wonderfully with other dogs and lived with two Shih Tzus. The younger Shih Tzu is very bossy, and when the dad was giving out treats and Bailey moved to take one, the Shih Tzu snarled at him. Bailey immediately backed off on his own accord from the cranky small dog. He likes to go to the dog park and occasionally to an indoor doggy day care where he can play with other dogs. He LOVES to play!

What would be Bailey's ideal home? An active home, with or without children, and with or without another dog. Hiking, running, and walking would be fun for him. His gentle nature may make him excellent at visiting nursing homes.

If you are interested in Bailey, please contact Pam McKusick, mckusick@verizon.net, 410-730-3144. Please note that no Rescue funds have been used for Bailey's care.



Berkley's first birthday. Berkley is owned by Alan and Rosemary George



Finn in the spring! Finn is owned by Elizabeth Bernard.



Jeff and Beth Miller give Tucker his spring trim!



Cuteness overload and puppy breath!



Coldstream Born in the USA (Bruce), owned by Chris Halvorson, repeats his Master Fur qualification for the pure joy of it!

ATCMW Specialty April 21, 2017

At our Specialty on April 21st, the Airedale Terrier Club of Metropolitan Washington became the first Airedale Club in the country to use a judge approved by the American Kennel Club through the Parent Club Recommendation program. The ATCMW asked the Board of the Airedale Terrier Club of American to submit Dianna Fielder's name to the AKC for approval to judge Airedales. Being recommended by the Parent Club means that the body of knowledge and accomplishments of that individual are recognized by her peers in the breed, and it certainly seemed to be the case in this instance! Our entry this year was almost triple what it was in the last three years. And the spectators were two and three deep around the ring!

Pat Reed was our Sweepstakes judge and she, too, had a large entry of youngsters.

There were so many positive comments that we look forward to repeating the judges' selection process next year.

Sweepstakes Judge: Patricia Reed

Best Puppy in Sweepstakes

Reydaleterrydale Rangel The Great Gatsby

By GCH Reydaleterrydale Prince Of Persia - Rangel's Tierra Lady L Of Steele.

Owner: Gerardo Reyes & Gabriel Rangel & Ivonne Rangel, Willow Spring, NC 275927402.

Breeder: Gerardo Reyes & Gabriel Rangel & Ivonne Rangel.

Best Junior in Sweepstakes/Best in Sweepstakes

Yeloman Longvue G'Day Mate

By GCHG Penaire's Chip Leader At Longvue - Yeloman Jazz Funk.

Owner: April & Todd Clyde, Selbyville, DE 199753458. Breeder: April & Todd Clyde & Suzanne Tennant.



Yeloman Lonvue G'Day Mate



ReydaleTerrydal Rangel The Great Gatsby

Regular Classes
Judge: Dianna Fielder

Best of Breed

GCH Crescent V Emerick V Raynaire Set Fire to the Rain

By Ch Tierra De Churubusco Y Chubasco - Crescent Birchrun Zsa Zsa Gabor. Dog.
Owner: Karen J Coffey & Brenda L McCann & Charlene E Johnson, Chester Sprgs, PA
194251711. Breeder: Karen J Coffey & Charlene E Johnson. (Ernesto Lara, Agent)

Best of Opposite Sex and Best of Breed Owner Handled

Ch D'Aire Shiver Me Timbers

By Ch Redcoat Sterlingnan's Legacy - Ch D'Aire Focus On Ruby. Bitch.

Owner: Diane & Richard Schlicht, Lakeville, MN 550448292. Breeder: Diane Schlicht
& Marjorie Reed-Braun & Victoria Barker.



GCH Crescent V Emerick V
Raynaire Set Fire to the Rain



Ch. D'Aire Shiver Me Timbers

Winners Dog

Bobcan Twice In a Blue Moon

By GCHB Bleu By You - Ch Bobcat Pipe Dreams.

Owner: Bob Denman & Cathy Denman, Wadsworth, OH 442819581. Breeder: Bob &
Cathy Denman.

Reserve Winners Dog

Yeloman Longvue G"Day Mate

By GCHG Penaire's Chip Leader At Longvue - Yeloman Jazz Funk.

Owner: April & Todd Clyde, Selbyville, DE 199753458. Breeder: April & Todd Clyde & Suzanne
Tennant.

Reserve Winners Bitch

Traymar Terrydale HK Nexus

By Traymar Hoorah's Brush Back Gibson - GCH Traymar Terrydale HK Mischievous Affair.
Owner: Margo Dupre & Deb Adkinson & Maripi Wooldridge & Jennifer Stevens, Clarence Ctr,
NY 140329635. Breeder: Margo Dupre & Deb Adkinson & Maripi Wooldridge & Jennifer
Stevens.

Winners Bitch and Best of Winners

Reydaleterrydale Once Upon A Time In Mexico

By Ch Reydaleterrydale The King's Speech - Ch Reydaleterrydale The Iron Lady.
Owner: Gerardo Reyes, Willow Spring, NC 275927402. Breeder: Gerardo Reyes.



Bobcat Twice in a Bleu Moon



Reydaleterrydale Once Upon A Time In Mexico

Best Puppy

Traymar Terrydale HK Excellent Adventure

By Ch Traymar Hoorah's Brush Back Gibson - GCH Traymar Terrydale HK Mischievous Affair.
Owner: Margo Dupre & Debbie Adkinson & Maripi Wooldridge & Jennifer Stevens, Clarence
Ctr, NY 140329635. Breeder: Margo Dupre & Debbie Adkinson & Maripi Wooldridge & Jenni-
fer Stevens.



Traymar Terrydale HK Excellent Adventure



Early Lessons From My Airedale

By Wilder J. Leavitt

In its document, "An Introduction to the Airedale Terrier," the Airedale Terrier Club of America introduces our favorite breed by explaining, "The Airedale Terrier is the largest and the hardiest of all the terriers and, as an all-around useful dog, has no superior." As a proud owner of my three-year-old female, Juno, I can attest firsthand to her hardiness, toughness, intelligence, agility, and energy. And probably most significantly, she has a spunky, independent personality that I can only describe as *joie de vivre*.

As complete novice dog owners, my wife Mary Morningstar and I had to learn, step-by-step, how to best provide an enriching, safe, and healthy environment for Juno. With significant help from veterinarians, trainers, breeders, and friends, we gleaned some truths, at least as they apply to our little family. So here are just a few tips that we have learned and that have worked for us. Perhaps you recognize a few.

Lesson 1. She is training us as much as we are training her. Unless you have experience before getting your first puppy or rescue, most of us are pretty clueless about how to educate our new dogs. You must give yourself time to develop your skills at training an animal and be patient with your shortcomings. Over time I found that I got better at introducing and reinforcing new commands, and Juno became much better at learning and complying with training lessons.



Lesson 2. Our dog responds well to patterns and routines. Juno and I have a daily routine and she responds best if I stick to it. Meals twice a day, a walk around noon, and some romping around with the neighbors' Border Terrier are what she expects. She is flexible. She rides in the car fine and has taken trips with Mary and me, sitting in the back of the truck for up to 10 hours at a time with breaks along the way. But the more I keep her to a schedule that we have developed together, the happier she seems to be. I try to keep her diet, exercise times, walks, play times, and down time similar each day.

Lesson 3. I try to talk to my dog in a quiet voice. We know that a dog can hear a greater range of frequencies and lower decibel levels of sounds than humans, so I

don't need to shout my commands and interactions with Juno. That's not to say that I always have Juno's attention; she can be willful and focused on that squirrel that just crossed our walking path rather than on me. But I have found that I can speak to her quietly, use a grunt or a very short whistle to get her attention. And when I give her praise, I do so vigorously and often. I find that our communication should be more like using a violin bow rather than a sledgehammer.

Lesson 4. I try to look for and understand Juno's body language. How many times have we thought, "I wish my dog could tell me what she wants." But I have found that she has a much better mechanism to communicate with me than the spoken word. From her ear position to her tail wagging, to the tautness of her muscles and her body position, she can communicate dozens of messages. And along with my voice, I try to remember that I communicate with her through my face and body position. A January 2016 study from the University of Helsinki shows that the social gazing behavior of domestic dogs resembles that of humans. Dogs view facial expressions systematically, preferring eyes, and facial expressions alter their viewing behavior, especially in the face of threat. So I try to present her with a non-threatening, happy posture, which is pretty easy when it comes to an Airedale, right?

Lesson 5. Sometimes, I just let go. Some Zen here for those of you who relate to a little Buddhist perspective. Sometimes Juno isn't doing what I want her to do or she is on a different wavelength than I am at the moment. Sometimes I don't want to board her or be away from her as long as I have to be. Sometimes that new training is not going well, and we are not making progress. And I have found the best way to manage anxiety and frustration is after a reasonable amount of effort to just let it be. Can't find the towel to clean her off before she hits the newly shampooed rug? Fine. She won't stop jumping on me and all my friends? OK, go for it Juno. She wants to play when I just want to kick back and relax? You got it. Let's go toss the ball around in the dark.

All of this is not to say that we have it all figured out. Mary, Juno, and I are still finding our way while we journey together. But I have found that these little lessons present themselves regularly, and we and our Airedales benefit greatly if we recognize them and put them to good use.

Prospective New Members

At our next meeting (June 24, 2017), we will be voting the following people into membership:

Michele and Don Gavin

After our first Airedale passed, it took about about 5 years and I told my husband we could never replace Tramp, but I wanted to look into adopting one. That's how we met Pam and ended up the proud parents of Bella! She has been a blessing to us! After having her for a year, the Airedale finally came out! Although she has been a sickly girl, she has her moments. It has been a wonderful experience to show Bella love and comfort. She also has two yorkie siblings, Gigi and Ritchie, who she loves to death. My favorite thing is to watch her lay in the yard and just sniff the air! My only regret is that Bella didn't come into our lives sooner.

Ann and Mark Kington

Our Airedale's name is Boone, as in Daniel Boone, and he was one year old in May. This is our second Airedale, both from Corally Burmaster's good efforts. We live in Old Town Alexandria, across from Old Town School for Dogs, and Boone, like George before him, is the sweet and fun-loving Airedale ambassador to all who pass by his gate.

Nancy Nykamp

As far back as I can remember, Airedales were a part of my life. My parents bred, raised, and showed Airedales for conformation and obedience. They instilled in me a deep love and appreciation for the breed. As an adult I have had 2 rescue Airedales; I am training my second rescue for Canine Good Citizenship and Therapy Dog. He is now up in years— at least 12, so in addition to him I have two "bridge" Dales, Bailey 1 yr old and Jax 5 months old. Along with my 3 Airedales, I have a 4 yr old West Highland White who is more Airedale than Westie.

Cathy and Michael Scheiman

Michael came to love Airedales when his family welcomed Ginger in the 1980s. She was a big, loving and active girl who loved to chase squirrels and demolish gardens and shrubs. Michael spoke so often and fondly of Ginger that Cathy agreed to add Kelsey to their family in 2003. Kelsey was a beautiful and gentle lady with a very laid back demeanor until someone rang the doorbell! After being without an Airedale for a few months, Michael and Cathy added Maisy to their family in October 2016. Maisy is as wild as Kelsey was calm, but she is a sweetheart and a charmer. Cathy recently retired and spends a majority of her time spoiling Maisy at their home in Chantilly. Maisy will turn 1 in August.

**The AIREDALE TERRIER CLUB OF
METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON, DC**
presents

AIREDALE FUN DAY AND PICNIC

WHEN

**June 24, 2017
10am – 2pm**

WHERE

Cabin John Park

Picnic Shelter #J

7400 Tuckerman Lane, Bethesda, MD

Directions:

<http://www.montgomeryparks.org/parks-and-trails/cabin-john-regional-park/>

***Best access is the Westlake Drive entrance
between Westlake Terrace and Tuckerman
Lane***

**OPEN TO ALL AIREDALE TERRIER
FANS AND THEIR DOGS!**



10:00 AIREDALE ACTIVITIES

**Nutrition: What Should I
Feed My Dog?**

11:30 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

12:00 LUNCH IS SERVED

**Deli sandwiches and
cold drinks will be
available. We will need
side dishes and
desserts. If you can
bring something, please
email Mary Morningstar
([mary.p.morningstar@
lmco.com](mailto:mary.p.morningstar@lmco.com)).**

12:45 MEMBER TRAINING DEMO

**Members are invited to
show off a skill or two
their Airedales can
perform and to explain
their training tips to the
Club.**