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Jeanne Esmond's "Indy" waits
for her favorite bakery to open.

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- (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.

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From the President Corally Burmaster

We survived a winter with some of the coldest days I can remember! But it is Spring once again and we have lots of activities planned for the rest of the year.

First up is our conformation Specialty, held in conjunction with the Columbia Terrier Association of MD on **April 19**. I will send out an email with the time of judging and the ring number when we have that information. The show is held at the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium, MD.

Secondly, we have a picnic scheduled for **June 8th** at the Cabin John Regional Park in Bethesda, MD. Our program for that event will be Mary Pat Corrigan and her Tri Paw Dock Diving Dog, Tara. Tara was recently featured on The Pet Show with Dr. Katy Nelson.

And later in the summer, we will have our picnic at Frying Pan Park in Herndon, VA. We've reserved our usual Pavillion for **August 31st**.

And our last activity of the year is always the Scottish Walk in Alexandria. The date this year is **December 7th**.

So mark your calendars with those dates and we'll get more info to you as plans firm up!

From the Editor - Jessica Rabin

It was a very cold and damp winter. I should know: I was house-training a puppy in a polar vortex. Most of you know that I lost my Hearing Dog and great love, Willa (Coldstream Undaunted Willa CGC, RE), last September after 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ wonderful years working and playing together. On January 25, Caleb (Coldstream Take it to the Limit) came home with me to begin our journey together. Caleb is Willa's great-great-nephew, and while I take pleasure in seeing some of Willa's qualities in him, I rejoice equally in his unique personality and traits. I know that he will be a wonderful Service Dog, and I am excited about this new adventure.



Picking Caleb up at eight weeks of age.

Here is Caleb at 12 weeks taking his first trip to Starbucks (a very important milestone for his coffee-loving mom!):



In this newsletter issue, we hear about our club members' triumphs in conformation and performance events, as well as getting a reminder about the club's Facebook presence and meeting Annie, a 2-year-old Airedale currently in Rescue. This issue also introduces a number of new member applicants who are helping to keep our club vibrant and active. Speaking of members, don't forget to renew your membership if you haven't already done so.

The AKC Nationals in Orlando, Florida

By Hugh Garner, 11 years old, Club Member Nancy Nykamp's son

Hello, my name is Hugh Garner. I am 11 years old. Like most kids my age, I love video games, pokemon, amusement parks, and dogs. I love dogs, and I especially love Airedale Terriers. I love my Airedale puppy, Berry. She is the jelly to my donut and the butter to my biscuit. I love playing with her, grooming and training her, and showing her.

When my mom asked me if I wanted to show Berry at the AKC National Dog Show in Orlando, Florida, I was in complete disbelief! My mom would take me out of school for 3 days to drive 27 hours so Berry and I could show at the National Dog Show. This was HUGE, and I jumped at the opportunity!



Hugh getting instructions from the judge, the legend himself, Peter Green.

Berry and I went into overdrive, practicing our free stack, down and backs, and standing for inspection. Mom shopped for me on ebay, buying a really neat tuxedo, and as a warm up entered us at the Eastern Dog Show in West Springfield, Massachusetts. This show was supported by the New England Airedale Terrier Club so Berry and I could show in Sweepstakes and Puppy Class for extra practice.

When December 12th rolled around, we were ready for Orlando. What I wasn't ready for was the magnitude of the show site. With more than 5,000 dogs entered from 49 states and 21 countries, more than

40 rings lined with red carpet, and what seemed like miles of grooming setups, it was overwhelming and exhilarating at the same time!

On our big day, my mom told me to remember what we had practiced. I walked into the ring, feeling very nervous. Then Berry looked up at me and my nerves disappeared. Around the ring we gaited, free stacked, stood for inspection, and down and back. "You are Best In Sweepstakes," the judge said pointing to me. I happily patted Berry on the back and exited the ring.

My mom gave me a big hug: "Are you ready to be the line leader for the Terrier Puppy Group?"

"Yes!" I said, and Berry wagged her tail.

The Group was a really thrilling experience. Every terrier was represented with nearly all being shown by professional handlers. I was the only Junior Handler. The legendary professional handler and judge, Peter Green, was our Group Judge. The judging was being live streamed, and as the first in ring all eyes were on us. "Oh goodness, I hope we don't trip," I thought.

"Terrier Group in the ring!" the Steward barked. Berry looked up at me and wagged her tail. "Here we go girl," and off we went, leading the Group into the ring. We didn't win, but Berry showed like a champ, and we had a ton of fun. It was a truly great experience and one that was most memorable, especially for an 11 year old!



The Road to Westminster By Nancy Nykamp

Whenever I read the word "road" in a title, my mind races back in time to the 1970's and John Denver's top hit "Take Me Home, Country Road." For me, Westminster Dog Show 2019 was very much a trip home.

My parents were regular exhibitors at Westminster in the 1950s and 1960s when a large number of the entries were exhibited by owners/breeders. As the years went by, exhibiting at Westminster changed; owner/breeders exhibitors were diminishing, site logistics more challenging, and NYC parking and traffic increasingly laborious. The snowstorm of 1969 was the deciding event for my parents to attend all future Westminster Shows as spectators. As spectators, my parents were more inclined to take me with them, and every February, I would skillfully negotiate a day off from school to attend Westminster. Westminster always felt like home. It inspired me and reinvigorated my love of the sport.

Westminster 2019 brought back the same feelings.

My journey to Westminster started back in 2017, when I owner-handled Bailey to her Champion and Grand Champion titles. I relished showing and did not want to stop. So we continued to campaign in 2018, initially working towards Bronze Grand Champion and then Silver. Along the way, we learned a great deal and met many phenomenal people. We were fortunate to have some nice wins, which landed us in the top 5 Airedales. This made us eligible for an invitation to Westminster. When

the purple and gold Westminster invitation arrived, I simply could not resist the draw and potential thrill of exhibiting there. And so the decision was made: after months of grooming, training, conditioning, and showing, Bailey and I were going to Westminster.



The day before the show, my daughter, Olivia, who had negotiated a day off from school (the apple doesn't fall far from the tree) and I found ourselves driving through snow up I-95. My mind flashed back to the

snowstorm of 1969. Fortunately, the flurries stopped, and we arrived safely in NYC after rush hour traffic, so set up was a breeze. We were benched (a benched show requires your dog to remain in a designated space all day) at Pier 92, near our ring. The next day, we woke to more snow flurries. Snow, excitement, and energy swirled all around us as we walked briskly down to the Pier. Spectators stopped to compliment Bailey and ask questions. She was poised and relaxed. As I started to get Bailey ready to show, Olivia ventured off to explore the site. Next thing I knew it was ring time.

Olivia wrote her college application essay on her experience at the World Dog Show in Amsterdam. My favorite sentence in her essay was "Hours and hours of training, conditioning and grooming, and it all comes down to 3 minutes: around the ring; stand for inspection; down and back; free stack; and around the ring again." And so that was the case on this snowy Westminster day.

Our judge had years of experience judging around the world. He ran an efficient ring, quickly identifying those intended for placing. As he directed us to the side of the ring for further consideration and placement, I remained focused on Bailey. There was no room for letting up on showing; she had to keep her ears and tail up, and maintain an intense Airedale expression. I held my breath as the judge made final placements. We were in the Select (second place) Bitch position. One final lap around the ring, with applause, and "That's the line-up." I finally exhaled. The next few minutes were a blur: hugs from exhibitors, congratulations from friends and spectators, and heartfelt compliments from other judges who were ringside and had watched Bailey and I grow as a team. Still euphoric, I exited the ring, giving Olivia a huge hug. Olivia had been on this journey with me, and I was so grateful she was with me on this big day. As Olivia and I drove home that evening, I realized my Road to Westminster had indeed taken me home "to the place I belong."



New Performance Titles, Legs, Placements, and Rankings

ATCMW congratulates our members on their success with their dogs in performance events:

Jeanne Esmond and Indy (Coldstream Indian Summer) earned their Rally Advanced title and their first Rally Excellent leg. Indy also earned her AKC Achiever Dog title for having earned her RN, CGC and TKN titles.

Ann Riley and Gibson (Coldstream Jolie Couer) earned their Rally Excellent and Trick Dog Novice titles. Gibson also received two "CKC Top Obedience Dog" awards for his triumphs in Canada: tenth in total points earned by any terrier in 2018 and first in points earned by an Airedale Terrier. Gibson was also the number 3 Airedale in Obedience in the US.



Alex and ribbons!

Bill Nelson and Alex (Coldstream North by Northwest) recently completed agility titles in Novice Standard, Novice Jumpers With Weaves, and Open Standard. He has 2 Open Jumpers with Weaves legs, one of which was a first place.

Rescue Update By Pam McKusick

I am currently fostering Annie, who is about two years old and very sweet-natured. She came from the Talbot County Humane Society on February 2 and was surrendered with her mother. (Her mother was adopted quickly by an "Airedale-experienced couple.") According to the owner, she had been kept in an outside kennel with her mother all her life. She had never been inside.

She seems like a blank slate — she never had an opportunity to learn "things" when she was a puppy. We're working on her house-training by taking her out every four hours or so. She has a wonderfully joyful tuck-butt-run, and on a recent afternoon entertained herself for some time

with a tennis ball that she carried, tossed into the air, and retrieved. That evening, she was concentrating on the area under the ramp to the deck. (Sometimes she mis-judges the edges of the ramp and partially slips off one side, but quickly recovers.) I didn't see anything under there, but she soon retrieved the ball she had played with earlier — and off she went, triumphantly tossing it in the air.

She recently learned how to climb the stairs to our second floor. Fortunately they are carpeted as it's quite an ordeal for her to figure out how to turn around and come down. The first time there were some misplaced feet and missed steps — going up was easier than turning around and going down, but she has increasingly mastered that activity. I've been feeding her Orijen large puppy food, but she still is tall and bony (around 52 lbs). I wonder if her lankiness might be due to her muscles not being given a chance to develop since she was confined for so long. Her feet are huge, so I think she will be large when she more fully develops. Although basic obedience commands are still a work in progress, when she's in our yard, she comes when I call her.

Annie gets along with our older females, though she finds our younger male a bit pushy. She is very sweet, likes to give kisses, and loves being touched.

ATCMW Online Karl Broom

One of the ways we try to attract interest in our club's activities is online. The "official" site is our web page at <http://www.airedales-dc.org/>. With the assistance of our webmaster, I post announcements about upcoming events, reports and photos of various club activities, and anything else of an official nature.

We also have a page on Facebook that I established several years ago. Although Facebook considers me the owner, the site is open to all. It has been seen by several thousand people, and we have nearly 600 likes. We've connected with people new to the area and several looking for an Airedale.

When our club was founded more than 60 years ago, most members were showing in conformation, although there was interest in health and in rescue of Airedales in need of a new home. Today, our interest in health and rescue continues, but most of us are now into training and activities shared with our Airedales.

Let's show others what we are doing. If you post something on your own Facebook page, please post it to the club's page also. That will make our Facebook page more attractive and increase traffic to it. Please feel free to post photos, video, and/or notes about what you are doing with your Airedale - no need to ask permission - just do it!

New Members

ATCMW is excited to welcome our new member applicants! These applicants will be voted on at our June meeting.

Karen Alexander

Bernard Groenveld

Col and Gail Henley

Jennifer Little

Jennifer writes: Pippa is from central Pennsylvania and is 7 years old. She enjoys being in the backyard watching squirrels, digging holes, and taking long naps in the sun. Dislikes include cats and vacuum cleaners. Life is indeed merrier with an Airedale terrier!

Doug and Isabel Menchhofer

Doug writes: My wife Isabel and I became Airedale owners roughly one year ago, when we acquired 8-week old Picasso from Joval Kennels. We are prior owners of Wire Fox Terriers but decided to move up to the "full-size" model; we have experienced many similarities along with some unexpected differences as well. To our delight Picasso is a very happy boy, friendly to everyone, though his unstoppable energy levels are keeping us even more active than we experienced with both of our last two dogs put together. We did want an active dog to remind me that my recent retirement was not a speed bump, and are in fact quite happy with the adjustments to our routines that Picasso has precipitated. We are also excited to have the opportunity to share experiences with other Airedale owners, and look forward to participating in more events with the club (last December's Scottish Walk in Alexandria was our first).

Millard Moody

Bill and Lynn Nelson

Lynn writes: Alex (Coldstream North by Northwest) is our first Airedale. We previously owned Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers and competed with them in breed, agility, obedience, and Rally. We became familiar with Airedales through our friendship with Corally Burmaster. Our affection for the breed started with her dog Duncan, a wonderful ambassador for the breed. After losing our last Wheaten, we decided it was time to bring an Airedale into our home. In addition to Alex (not quite 3 years old), we also own two Border Terriers, 9-year old Kenzie (bitch) and 3-year old Jamie (dog).

All of our dogs compete in dog sports but Alex is turning into the real star in the family. Alex has earned titles in Rally, Barn Hunt, Coursing Ability,

Fast CAT, agility, and Trick Dog. We are also training him to compete in Scent Work. Alex enjoys being active and demonstrates the versatility of an Airedale to perform in a wide variety of activities with ease.

Ellen Wingerd Robinson

Ellen writes: I have a Coldstream 11-month-old female Airedale, Scarlett O'Terror. We have walked in the Olde Towne parade and just earned our CGC title. I also have 2 Welsh Terriers males: Rudy is 13 years old and Grif is 8 years old. Grif came down with Canine Glaucoma two days after Scarlett came home in July, and as of last month has lost both eyes. It's been an interesting journey, but the gentleness, respect and self-control Scarlett has shown with Griffin has been amazing. She checks in with him by touching the top of his head with her nose. I look forward to being an active member of the club.

Greg and Mary Anna Thomas

Rob and Lynda Tison

Lynda writes: my husband Rob and I currently have two dogs. Each time a child left the home, we got a dog. We had two pitbull rescues when our 3rd child went off to college so we decided to get an Airedale pup, Leo, from Corally Burmaster. Leo is now nearly two years old, lively and joyful. Each morning, Leo's internal clock tells him precisely when it's 6:30am (even with the daylight savings time change) and he jumps up, stretches and lets us know he's ready to start the day! Leo's personality and antics bring smiles to our faces every day. Last year we attended the summer picnic and Scottish parade. Leo loved both events and we all look forward to doing more with the club this year.