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Willa, the Home Schooled Hearing Dog

By Jessica Rabin

Hearing Dogs alert to sounds by performing two tasks: telling the partner that an important sound is occurring and leading the partner to the source of the sound. As someone with a 50% hearing loss, I struggle both with processing sounds and with locating them. I also rely heavily on context clues and on lip reading (I tell people that without my glasses, I'm completely deaf). Even so, I would not be eligible to receive a trained dog from most assistance dog organizations, which have long waiting lists for people who have some hearing. Fortunately, with masterful guidance and generous support from Corally Burmaster, I've been able to train my own.

My Hearing Dog, Coldstream Undaunted Willa RA, helps me by telling me about significant sounds in my environment so I can react appropriately. I know I can count on her to keep me safe and informed which makes it possible for me to live by myself and go about my daily tasks with confidence. The way Willa communicates with me is consistent regardless of the type of sound—she paws my leg and then helps me find whatever prompted the alert.

Willa has a number of trained alerts. She can tell me when my home phone, cell phone, or office phone rings; she alerts to my alarm clock, the teakettle, and someone at the door; and she can tell me when I've dropped something (like car keys or a credit card) or when someone in a different part of the house wants me to come to them. In addition to performing formal alerts, she lets me know when someone is walking/biking/jogging up behind me (particularly men and particularly in the early morning or at night), when we are coming up on someone on a trail, and when something isn't as it should be (for example, when my sump pump was malfunctioning).

Training a Hearing Dog entails teaching the alert behavior itself (very easy with a clicker) and then introducing the dog to the sounds that require an alert. Then it becomes a matter of generalization and discrimination. Generalization for the cell phone alert, for example, includes alerting in the house, outside on a walk, when I've left the phone in another room, when other dogs are present, and when I'm standing at the kitchen sink, sitting at my desk, or using a vacuum cleaner. Discrimination means alerting only to *my* cell phone but not someone else's or to a phone ringing on the television (I let my students think that Willa will alert to their phones, as well, as a way of trying to get them to turn the darn things off while we're in class). Sometimes, Willa seems to rewrite the rules as only an Airedale can do. When my mother is visiting and turns on the teakettle, Willa alerts to my mother who has normal hearing but a bad tendency to forget about having put something on the stove. If I want Willa to alert to me when my mother is also in the house, I just call Willa over and show her that I'm the one putting the kettle on the stove.

Willa's preparation for her work began with the incomparable foundation provided by Corally's Puppy Headstart program. Then, at 49 days, Willa was temperament tested and deemed the puppy who most wanted to be a Hearing Dog when she grew up (she moved towards sounds to investigate, rather than being startled or indifferent). We began clicker training immediately, and she had learned the pawing behavior that would become her alert by 12 weeks. At six months, she started learning actual hearing alerts but without pressure to perform consistently. Once she was mature enough to take responsibility for herself, alerting became expected rather than simply appreciated. Willa was already helping me *a full 12 months* before many service dog organizations take their dogs back from the puppy raisers to *begin training* for assistance work, another tremendous advantage to training my own dog.



"Time to wake up, Mom!"



Willa alerts to the office phone ringing.

One of the alerts we've been working on lately is having Willa tell me when my office phone rings. The discrimination aspect is differentiating between my office phone and that of my office mate or any of the other nine people in our suite. The generalization piece includes alerting when I am not at my desk (for example, getting coffee or standing in a colleague's doorway) or when there are other people in the office with me. I began by introducing Willa to "her" ring, setting the phone to ring continuously, giving her the "paw" command a couple of times, and then clicking and treating each time she pawed me while the phone rang. The next step was having colleagues call my phone. I had to move to this step quickly, lest Willa cue on the process of setting the phone to ring (putting it on speaker and punching in a number code) rather than the sound of the ring itself. Once I strengthened the behavior through generalization, I added in more discrimination, calling my officemate's phone and ignoring any of Willa's attempts to alert, then rewarding her lavishly for alerting to my phone (trying to magnify the contrast between the correct and the incorrect behaviors). The process is ongoing, but we're making good progress.

Sometimes I have to be careful what I've asked for. Having trained Willa to tell me when I've dropped something, I found myself getting an alert when I'd purposely toss her leash out of the way during obedience class. So far, we haven't had trouble with distinguishing between dropping and tossing, but I can just see myself in the Open ring, throwing the dumbbell for the retrieve, and having Willa paw my leg and say, "You dropped something, you idiot." Fortunately, Willa is really good with context; she is able to perform in Rally and Obedience, as well as keeping an ear out for important sounds.

Unlike many other types of work, hearing assistance requires the dog to tell the partner about something the partner wouldn't have known about otherwise (as opposed to following commands issued by the partner). Being able to teach Willa to tell me about what's going on around me has been a game for her and enriched my quality of life immeasurably. Although Willa takes her job seriously and I rely on her for my safety, Willa also gets to enjoy the perks of any beloved pet—play dates with other dogs, long walks throughout the day (I arrange my teaching schedule to make sure she gets her outings), and more toys than I care to count. On the one hand, Willa allows me to live alone; on the other hand, I don't think of myself as living alone because I have Willa—a skilled Hearing Dog, but also a treasured friend and a wonderful companion.



Willa resting at the office, waiting to alert to an important sound.

River on the River



Some 'Dales Like To Be Paddled!

Some owners are so willing to be trained... I managed to get mine to purchase a canoe for me. 'Course it took a while and a bit of coaxing to get her to buy into this idea – I had to jump through a few hoops let me tell you!

I started planting the idea by hopping in the garden cart when it came out for yard work. I'd hop in and ask to be wheeled around the yard which she knew I liked. By fall she was getting the idea and had purchased the canoe. When she first set it out in the yard I had a great time showing her how I could jump in and out like I do in the tub when she gives me a bath. It rocked back and forth

a bit – something I'd not thought about but that was okay. You got to get your sea legs to canoe! But then she loaded it back up on the car and took off without me! I made sure the entire neighborhood and then some heard what I thought of her leaving me behind!

On the morning of June 12, 2010 I saw the canoe being loaded up again... I hopped right into that car and woofed and barked my glee! When all four doors closed with me still inside I knew all the training had paid off! It was a quick ride to the water and I waiting impatiently while she unloaded the canoe, water bowl and arranged the carpeted floor tile so I'd have traction for my paws. We then took a ride up the Patasco.!

Let me tell ya 'Dales it doesn't get much better than this!

Signed,

"River" on the River

Rescued on the 4th of July, Sam



Rescue, Sam, up on the picnic table!
Eleanor Taylor



Gretchen and Pete

Ten Things I've Learned Living with Two Airedales

- 1.Nothing gets more attention than two well-behaved Airedales out for a walk. Nothing is more rare than two well-behaved Airedales.
2. No matter how wide the door is opened, somebody will *still* insist on being first!
- 3.No good behavior is copied. Bad behavior creates the most excitement, gets all the attention, and is way more fun. It's also easier to learn.
- 4.If you run away fast enough, somebody else might get the blame.
- 5.If you look pitiful or adorable enough, the people might forget that you just *had* a cookie.
- 6.It is always better if everyone goes in the same direction. Spread-eagle is never a flattering position! Lamp posts and trees will NEVER move. Somebody is going to *have* to give up and go the other way.
- 7.Everything is a potential threat and must be treated with the same urgency – whether it's a chipmunk on the steps, a cat in the neighbor's yard, the UPS truck, a stroller being pushed down the street, any dog, or a stray plastic bag moving in the wind.
Corollary to #9: If it's a threat, one Airedale barking at it is never enough.
- 8.If it's worth sniffing, everybody will have to sniff it. If it's worth sniffing, it's worth peeing on.
- 9.Never try to hurry an Airedale reading pee-mail.
- 10.If somebody keeps peeing on your head, maybe you should just quit being pushy and wait your turn! I apologize for the indelicate language, but we're dog people! We do know about these things.

By Bonnie Belk

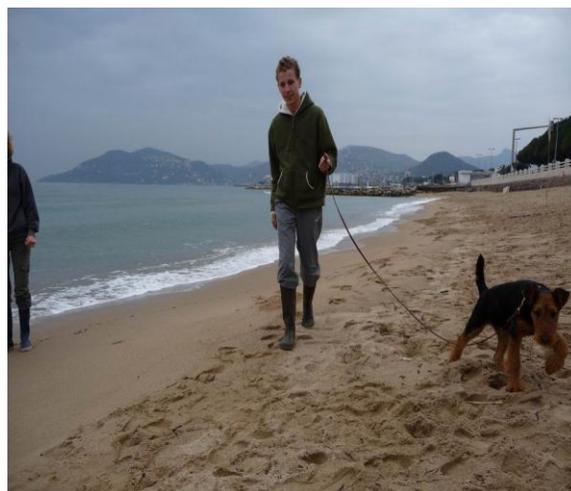


**A testimonial for Corally Burmaster's Puppy Head Start program and for clicker training!
By Ann Riley**

Here are some photos of my sister, Mary Lynn, in southern France and my 14 year old nephew Jeffery (my new clicker training protégé) with their new puppy from Corally Burmaster. The puppy, Coldstream's Bel Canto aka "Diva", is about 4 months old. I had this puppy for about 2 weeks before we shipped her to France and it was my first experience with one of Corally's "Head Start Puppies". I had so much fun working with this confident, bold, calm and eager to learn little puppy. She was absolutely delightful. Diva was walking on a loose lead, sitting on cue and ready to take on the world when she left my house at about 14 weeks. When Corally and I took her to the airport she was completely unfazed by forklifts dropping boxes, doors slamming, etc. She went quietly into her crate and did not peep when we left her, although, I don't think Corally or I exhaled until we heard she was safe and sound in France with her new family.

My sister, her husband, and 2 children are thrilled with their new puppy. They are using clicker-training and Jeffery and his older sister Nadege (a Midwifery student in Nice) are true converts. On a recent visit (yes ...I was on the french Riviera for the entire snowverkill event), we taught Kiwi, their enormous pet rabbit, to jump through a hoop.

Pictures below show Jeffery teaching Diva (clicker in hand!) to enjoy the beach. She was hesitant to get her feet wet at first, but with a few well-timed clicks and treats was running through the surf. Also note that Mary Lynn has Diva doing a 'down' next to the very relaxed rabbit. OK, how many of us can do THAT with our own Airedales??? (Not me!!) When Jeffery told me he was practicing sits and downs with Diva next to the rabbit I said: "that's called adding distraction." His reply: "I know, I watched that video you gave me." ("Puppy Kindergarten" by Corally Burmaster). Although Diva is still learning to resist chasing Kiwi if he runs around, she is well on her way to being a good French Citizen. I'm waiting for photos of Diva on the red carpet in front of the Palais des Festivals in Cannes!



Minutes - Airedale Club Luncheon, 13 March 2010

The meeting was held at Cedar Knoll Inn, Alexandria, VA. At 1:20 following lunch, the meeting was called to order by the Club President Frank Bohle. Ann Riley was introduced to speak on performing Airedales. Ann emphasized the importance of having a generally personable, and obedience trained dog. Dogs in the theater require focus and a good attention span. Additionally, performers must be tolerant of noises, and distractions. One needs to establish trust in the dog and the dog must be trained, off leash, friendly and neither afraid nor shy. Airedales by nature are bold and sturdy and can be bored easily. Ann's dog Digby performed in Baltimore in The Bartered Bride, which required repetition of his stunts. Ann presented a film clip of her dog's performance and the applause which greeted his actions.

Club President Frank Bohle began the business meeting at 1:50. He announced that the Grooming Session will be held on Sunday, 18 March. The February Session was cancelled due to snow. The secretary's and the treasurer's report are provided in the club newsletter.

Acknowledgement was made of the valuable support for the Club provided by Russ Hammond and Jeanne Esmond. Rescue Chair Pam McKusick reported \$2962.35 in the Rescue Fund. Currently, Pam reported that a nine month old is in Rescue and two are available for adoption. A one year old female and a five-six year old Red Lion are being cared for by Jim Hession and Kathy Picard respectively

On 23 April the Specialty Show will feature Alex Wheeler as Judge.
The Club Picnic is scheduled for 2 May. (Later changed to 16 May).

New Business:

Ads for the catalogues should reach the Club President by 23 March.
The 50/50 raffle in the amount of \$61, was won by the Zbar family.
The meeting was adjourned at 2:00

Attendees: Ann Barge, Bonnie Belk, Debbie Bohle, Frank Bohle, Karl Broom, Joyce Broom, Nora Dudman, Jeanne Esmond, Margaret Goodyear, Franklin Goodyear, Joyce Graham, Malcolm Graham, Russ Hammond, Marie Hammond, Jim Hession, Waltraud Hielscher, Pam McKusick, Cliff Peabody, Jim Schessler, Joan Schessler, Debo West, Suzi Zbar, Bert Zbar and Ann Riley.

Respectively submitted,

Margie Goodyear,
Recording Secretary

ATCMW PICNIC AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

May 16, 2010

The Meeting of the Board of Directors of the ATCMW was held on May 16, 2010 following a picnic lunch at Acredale Park. The members and guests remained after the picnic for the drawing of a prize basket. The winning ticket was drawn by Pam McKusick and the winner was Bonnie Belk. The next raffle will be for the raffle of an Airedale Sleigh Ride and tickets for an Airedale Statue will be sold. One hundred tickets at the rate of \$20. per ticket.

Club President Frank Bohle called the Board of Directors Meeting to order at 3:00 PM. . Members attending included Malcolm Graham, Jeanne Esmond, Corally Burmaster, Pam McKusick, Karl Broom and Margaret Goodyear.

Discussion followed on proposed advertisements for each edition of the newsletter. Twenty dollars is required for postage and supplies for each newsletter, reduced considerably since email reaches the majority of our Club Members. Proposed ads should be emailed to Jeanne Esmond. Business card sized ad will be priced at \$5.00 per issue with the requirement of a finished camera ready copy with check to Jeanne Esmond. This was a motion made by Russ Hammond and passed.

The Grooming Sessions this year incurred the cost of \$100.00 for the site. Due to the intense snows, one session was cancelled and the other had only five attendees. Discussion on the need to raise dues to cover such incurred costs. It was suggested to have a financial report available quarterly for Board Members and officers before each meeting to enable a review and determine if a dues increase would be necessary.

Following discussion it was voted not to have the minutes on the Club website.

Russ Hammond noted the requirement for a slate of officers to be made by a Nominating Committee with three members and two alternate members to serve. The Nominating Committee was proposed: Franklin Goodyear, Russ Hammond and Joan Schlessers. Alternate members to include Joyce Graham and Greg Darling.

Pam McKusick announced she has the Book of Champions and inquired who should maintain it? The Board suggested the Club Secretary would be the usual holder of historical items.

Corally Burmaster made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Russ Hammond and passed.

Respectively submitted,

Margaret Goodyear,
Secretary

Shadows...

Mr. B and Tierney McKusick Cross the Rainbow Bridge

It is with great sadness that I report the deaths of Mr. B and Tierney – Mr. B on May 20 and Tierney on May 28, 2010.

You may recall reading about Mr. B when he was placed with Rescue at 11 ½ because his family had to move into an apartment and couldn't take him – too little space and too many stairs. He had emigrated to the U.S. from Russia with his family when he was 9. When his owner pressed Mr. B's leash into my hand, he was very, very sad and through tears implored me, "Please don't kill my dog." I assured him that Mr. B would be safe and well-loved with us. Nancy Flowers initially fostered him for about a week, but then came to our house to stay. When he came into Rescue, his hips and teeth weren't too good, but he was always a sweet-natured gentleman and a delightful member of our family. His physical condition belied his strength and tenacity, and for several years would easily climb onto the couch and rest upside down. He quickly bounced back from a successful surgery to remove a malignant growth on the third eyelid of his right eye. The technician at the office of the veterinary ophthalmologist gave Mr. B a Walk-A-Bout harness that she no longer needed. Boy, Mr. B loved that and always got very excited when I brought it out for a walk. It gave him superb mobility and when we walked to the end of the green where the breeze always blows briskly, he could effortlessly stop and stand and look into the breeze and enjoy it rushing against his face and ears. I still see his image and feel his presence whenever I walk by that favorite place of his. He loved to go for rides in the car and walks around the park – and the neighborhood children always ran to his side where he stood patiently as they patted him and gave him hugs. He was a true good will ambassador. Mr. B was always good natured and gallant and never complained -- in spite of the physical problems that plagued him. He would have been 15 in September 2010, and it was truly a privilege to have him for the last three years of his life.

Sadly, 8 days later, we had to say good-bye to our beloved Tierney who was only two weeks from 13. Lou Swafford brought 18 month old Tierney to us not long after the death of our Spencer. And he was a handful! He had suffered a miserable beginning: taken from his mother when he was only 4 weeks old ("the puppies eat too much food!"), and raised by a family that had neither the time nor the inclination for an Airedale puppy. When he first came to our home, he severely bullied our sweet-natured Border Collie mix (who was used to living with Spencer who loved everyone), terrorized our cats (who became upstairs cats), and threatened to bite me when I reached to pat his head as I passed him when he was lounging on the couch. (After a while, he realized we weren't going to push him off the couch – that we just wanted to pat him, and that was just fine with him.) We always thought of him as our "West Side Story" dog. (When the Sharks and the Jets were talking to Officer Krupke, one says "Hey, I'm depraved on account I'm deprived!") Tierney eventually mellowed and

trusted us and gave us big Airedale kisses. But he would still take a swipe at us if we grabbed his collar (he never got over that!) or touched him where it hurt. At his last, when we understood that there was nothing more we could do to help him, I was holding him in my arms after the vet gave him an injection to help him relax. The vet ever-so-gently took his right rear leg to shave a spot for the final injection – and Tierney raised his head and looked back at her with a muffled “Harumph.” He always wanted to have the last word. He was a good boy – there was something very special about him – he liked to play jokes and was very funny (he especially liked to rattle a couch pillow against my legs when my back was turned to him, then, when I turned around, he would duck and bow and encourage me to run after him), and he was courageous, sometimes cranky, and always loveable -- and we were so glad that he was a member of our family.

By Pam McKusick

Every Tail Deserves a Happy Ending Notes from Airedale Rescue

The following are Thank You notes, and little stories about our Airedale Rescue activities.

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO:

The following individuals (in alphabetical order) for providing loving foster or forever homes to the Airedales who have come into our care:

John Abbatiello for providing a loving foster home for Parker and Dolly.

Lisa and Matthew Bolyard for providing a loving forever home for Leroy Brown.

Lisa and Joe Brady for providing a loving forever home for Mick.

Lauren Chicklo and Christopher Cunningham for providing a loving forever home for Quincey.

Cindy and Zach Dalmau for providing a loving forever home for Watson (formerly known as Duncan).

Nora Dudman for providing a loving foster home for Mick.

Julie and Matthew Eastburn for providing a loving forever home for Violet.

Nancy Haller for providing a loving forever home for Emmett.

Jim Hession and Rupert for providing a loving foster home for Farrah.

Eric Johnson and William Johnson for providing a loving forever home for Madison.

Peg and Barry Karow for providing a loving forever home for Molly.

Rachel and Clay Lyons for providing a loving forever home for Bear.

Kathy Pickard for providing a loving foster home for Cora (a.k.a. Mia).

Stanley and Nick Sechler for providing a loving forever home for Junie.

Eleanor Taylor for providing a loving forever home for Sammy.

The following individuals (in alphabetical order) for their generous donations to Airedale Rescue:

The Anonymous Donor who mailed a \$250 money order to Jeanne Esmond for Airedale Rescue.

All of the club members who included donations to Airedale Rescue in their dues renewal: Hugh Andrew, Anne Barge, Arlene and MacKnight Black, Debra and Frank Bohle, Susan Crawford, Nancy Flowers, Marie and Russ Hammond, Polly and Michael Khoury, Katie and Jay Lytle, Joy and Jim McDermott, Katherine Pickard, Arlene Purdham, Jessica Rabin, Steven Sachs, Catherine and Michael Schelman, Joan and Jim Schessler, Sarah Slater, Eleanor Taylor, Naomi Totten, Debo West and Ron Paci, and Mary Ann and Edward Zaledonis.

Bonnie Belk and Tom Dowell. Bonnie drove to Hagerstown, MD, to pick up Bear who was returned to Rescue because his adoptive family didn't have time for him. She took Bear to her vet where he received a check-up and all his vaccinations and she and Tom paid the bill. She then delivered Bear to the kennel and she and Tom pre-paid the cost for his full grooming. Many Thanks, Bonnie and Tom!

Corally Burmaster for donating the fees she receives for ear gluing, and for organizing ATCMW's upcoming raffle for the Ric Chashoudian Airedale figurine donated to ATCMW by Walter Troutman's daughter.

Deborah Carroll and her husband for donating the wheeled custom cart that can be used by a dog whose back legs are paralyzed. The cart is available free of charge, for use by any club member's dog – contact Pam McKusick.

Lauren Chicklo and Christopher Cunningham for their monetary donation.

Susan and Paul Crawford for donating a ramp that will be sold to benefit Airedale Rescue.

Julie and Matthew Eastburn for the gift certificate for veterinary services.

Jeanne Esmond for her continued support of Airedale Rescue activities – organizing the raffle of the Goodie Basket and donating many of the items contained in it, making lovely items whose sale benefits Airedale Rescue, and countless other activities in support of Rescue.

Margie and Franklin Goodyear's donations and continued support of Airedale Rescue.

Marge and Jack Phillips for offering to provide foster care.

Kathy Pickard's donations and continued support of Airedale Rescue.

Chuck VanMeter and Tim Shafer's donation to Airedale Rescue.

Sue and Jim Waldeck's donation to Airedale Rescue.

Anne Lyn H. Welsh's donation to Airedale Rescue.

Congratulations to Bonnie Belk who won the raffle basket!!

We truly appreciate and sincerely thank all of you whose generous support makes it possible for us to continue to provide for the Airedales who come into our care while they are in transition to their new and permanent homes. Our kennel bills are very high, so, if anyone can provide a foster home for a dog waiting for his/her new home, please contact Pam McKusick.

AIREDALES WAITING FOR NEW HOMES

Dolly:

9+ is still waiting while being fostered by John Abbatiello. She was given up by her family because they have had a baby and don't have time for her! She's a perfectly lovely girl—quiet and no trouble. John reports that she is very affectionate and easy to live with.

Parker:

6, is being fostered by John Abbatiello. Parker came to Airedale Rescue from a county animal shelter, and was the most emaciated Airedale I have ever seen. He appeared like a walking skeleton wearing a raggedy fur coat. He was been picked up at a park in Montgomery County (so I named him "Parker") and either had been severely mistreated, or had been on his own for a long time. The county held him for a while before asking me to take him as they wanted to see if anyone claimed him -- and they had prepared animal abuse charges if someone came looking for him. No one did. When I picked him up, his coat had been shaved as he was so full of mats it was impossible to find his skin. I immediately took him to a vet for evaluation and found that he had some periodontal problems in addition to the malnutrition and needing to be neutered. Following a week of rest and good nutrition, he was neutered and had his teeth cleaned. Fortunately, the periodontal issues resolved once his teeth were cleaned, and he was on his way to regaining his fine

appearance and healing his spirit. He has been fostered by John Abbatiello since his surgery and is like a new dog! He's confident and healthy, and handsome, and has completed basic obedience.

Farrah:

About a year and "cute as a button," is being fostered by Jim Hession and Rupert. She came to Airedale Rescue from a county animal shelter because she was so young and had been adopted and returned (mother with little children couldn't also manage a puppy!). They thought it too hard on such a young puppy to be kept in the shelter, so asked if Airedale Rescue would take her. She's a very cute, long legged terrier mix, about 40 pounds. Fortunately, Jim Hession stepped up to foster her, and has done a great job with her. She wasn't totally house trained, but now rarely has an accident. She walks nicely on a leash (most of the time), and gets along very well with other dogs and all the people she meets. She still gets into mischief if allowed free run in the house when Jim is not at home, so is crated during those periods. She has lots of energy and is very good-natured and loving. Jim is working to discourage her "play biting," and she's learning not to do that. Jim thinks she will do best with a canine companion and a fenced yard where she can safely run and play.

Cora (a.k.a. Mia):

Cora is about 6 and was described in our last newsletter as Mia. She has been fostered by Kathy Pickard since December. Kathy has discovered that Cora doesn't like to be crated – especially when left alone. But, she is a fine companion and loves being with her person. She usually gets along with other dogs, but can occasionally be argumentative.

Ludo:

Ludo is a 6 year old male/n Airedale who is coming into Rescue on Saturday, July 10. He is a wonderful boy who has been with the people who bought him as a puppy. Sadly, his dad died a year ago, and now his mom's work takes her away for weeks at a time. It's too hard on him to spend so much time in a kennel – so with great sadness, his mom has decided that it would be better for him to have a new home with a family who will be around to give him the love he deserves. Ludo will be fostered by Marge and Jack Phillips (if he and Gracie get along), but he needs a new forever home. I understand he was only crated while a puppy, but now has the run of the house when mom is at work and doesn't get into any trouble. He's well adjusted and has always been well-cared-for, so if you think he would be a fine addition to your family, please call me and I'll arrange a meeting.

Buster:

Buster is a delightful, 7 month old Airedale mix – his mama was an Aire-ialist with the traveling circus, and his daddy was a black and tan hound Roustabout. Unfortunately, Buster was out chasing butterflies when the circus pulled up stakes, and they left without him. His mother called and called for him, but he was too far away to hear her. When he got back, the only traces of the circus were the empty bags of popcorn blowing across the field. Now Buster needs a new home. He's as cute as can be and very engaging and sweet – and flips over on his back for a belly rub whenever anyone pays any attention to him. He is very playful and gets along with other dogs – though he's kind of overwhelming with a small dog. He will probably grow to 50-ish pounds and has a long, coarse coat and a natural tail. Buster is in a kennel and would love to move to a foster home – or better yet to a forever home with his own family.



BUSTER

If you have room in your home and heart for any of these fine Airedales, please call Pam McKusick (410-730-3144).

Update on Jack the Airedale: You may remember that in the last issue I thanked Bonnie Belk and Jeanne Esmond for their heroic measures and sustained support to help Jack the Airedale when he needed help the most. I recently received the following e-mail from Jack's new mom:

"Jack is doing so very well! He adores my son, has learned to be nice with his friends who come to our house on a frequent basis, and he is wonderful with my Dad and brothers. All in all, he is truly coming along! I still do NOT trust him with unfamiliar males, but have noticed if the males are the least bit afraid of Jack, he KNOWS it and is unpleasant by curling his lip and voicing a low rumble.

His favorite place to go is PetSmart, and he is good as gold there, and the majority of people avoid our aisle, which is fine with me! I rescued Zoe nearly 3 wks ago from a shelter, and they hit it off immediately. I took Jack with me when I went to look at her, because the rescue depended on him. He will snag her collar or her harness and pull her along, they tussle over the same stuffed animal, she loves to get in his bed and roll around making funny noises, and he will lie on floor next to her and they play 'sharky mouth' with one another! I think it is safe to say they adore one another! I cannot go into the bathroom without both of them coming with me...reminds me of toddlers!

Jack has adapted to my being gone, he has not touched anything in the house other than his toys.

So...Life is good, and I am absolutely crazy about my Jack, and my family adores him. He is a love, and I am so glad I took a chance on a young male Airedale!"

North Carolina Airedale Rescue: There is a new Regional Airedale Rescue Coordinator in North Carolina – Debbie Butler. She's doing a great job in an area (North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Georgia) that has tremendous need, many Airedales, and has had little support. A number of Airedale Rescue volunteers north of North Carolina (including me) are helping her. Several Airedales from her region have found new homes in Virginia, Maryland and Massachusetts, as we have had more qualified applicants than Airedales. A couple of weeks ago, a couple came to Debbie with an emaciated Airedale who they said came onto their farm. They thought he had come from the next door farm, so left a note in the mailbox for them. When no one responded, they went back to the farm, but no one was around. Cages behind the farmhouse were empty. The couple brought the dog to Debbie who named him Duncan and took him to the vet for a check-up. Unfortunately, but not surprisingly, he was determined to have Stage 3 Heartworm infection. The vet said the treatment would probably kill the dog, so either euthanize then, or find someone who would care for the dog through the end of his life. Duncan is a happy boy who has good energy, eats well, and loves people and other dogs – so Debbie appealed for someone who would be willing to care for him through the end of his life. An Airedale Rescue volunteer from NY State said she would feel privileged to take care of Duncan for as long as his condition will allow. She has one-floor home and a fenced yard in a rural-ish area, and no dogs to love and attend to now. So, Debbie brought him to Virginia on June 18 where he stayed with an Airedale Rescue volunteer until I picked him up on Tuesday, June 22. On June 23, Duncan and I drove to Trenton, NJ to meet his new mom. It was a very touching event – to turn him over to a wonderful woman who handled him gently and told him how happy and privileged she felt to have him come into her life and how she would love him and take good care of him for the rest of his life. She and her friend and Duncan drove back to NY State and he is happily settled in his new home. He's eating well, sleeping well, going for walks, and getting whatever he needs to be comfortable and happy. He is the focal point of her life, and I'm sure is reveling in the undivided attention and gentle caring he likely never knew before this. Too bad we didn't get him sooner, but it's wonderful to know we all had a hand in making the end of his life full of the love and respect he should have had all along.

I am very grateful to **Nora Dudman, Helga Adams, Jeanne Esmond** and **Marie Hammond** for their continued dedication to, and support of, our Airedale Rescue activities.

Thank you all for all of your generous contributions that allow us to do the best we can for these wonderful Airedales!

Pam McKusick

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“The greatness of humanity is not in being human, but in being humane.”

LUNCHEON, PROGRAM, AND MEETING
Saturday, July 17, 2010

Luncheon: 12:30 PM	Cocktails : 12:00 PM	Restaurant: The Rose Restaurant
Program : 2:00 PM	6075 Belle Grove Road	
Meeting : 3:00 PM	Baltimore, Maryland 21225	
	(410)636-0300	

Directions From South of Baltimore

If you are coming from south of Baltimore, take 95 North. As you are approaching Baltimore, you will see an exit for the Baltimore Beltway (695). Take 695 East to exit 6A/Camp Meade Road(Md-170 North) toward North Linthicum. Continue to follow Md-170 and the restaurant will be on your right. 6075 Belle Grove Rd.

Directions From North of Baltimore

If you are coming from North of Baltimore, take 895 South through the Harbor Tunnel. Take exit 7/Potee street/Brooklyn into Potee Street for 0.8 miles. Turn right at Belle Grove Road and go 2.2 miles. Restaurant will be on your left. 6075 Belle Grove Road.

Reservations: Please make your reservations no later than 12 Noon, Wednesday, July 22, 2009 with Joan or Jim Schessler, jjschessler@comcast.net, or 410 956 3006. Please have exact amount in cash for your dinner. Please note: *If you make a reservation and are unable to attend, you will be charged for your dinner unless we are able to cancel it with the restaurant.*

All menu choices will be served with a Garden Salad, Potato, Vegetable, Rolls & Butter, Coffee, Tea, Decaffeinated Coffee & Ice Tea, and a Dessert Selection.

Menu Choices:

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| 1. Chicken Marsala | 21.00 |
| Chicken topped with mushrooms , basil and Marsala wine sauce | |
| 2. Pasta Primavera | 21.00 |
| Pasta and vegetables in a creamy sauce. | |
| 3. Roast Top Sirloin of Beef | 21.00 |
| Sliced Sirloin with Demi-Glaze. | |

Program

Raw Diet K-9 Cravings

Meeting Agenda:

President's report
Recording Secretary's report
Treasurer's report (posted)
Committee Reports
 Airedale Rescue
 Nominating
Nominations from the floor
Election of new members
New Business
Adjourn

Slate

The nominating committee consisting of Russ Hammond Chair, Franklin Goodyear, and Joan Schlessler nominate the following Officers and Directors for 2010/11 :

President	Franklin Bohle
Vice President	Corally Burmaster
Corresponding Secretary	Jeanne Esmond
Recording Secretary	Margery Goodyear
Treasurer	Nora Dudman
Directors	Bonnie Belk Malcolm Graham Russ Hammond Pamela Mckusick

Nominations may be made from the floor at the meeting.

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Club Events 2010

Saturday, July 17	Club Luncheon, meeting & program Roses, Baltimore, MD
Saturday, September, 18	Club Luncheon, meeting & program Roses, Baltimore, MD
Saturday, October 16	Airedale Square Howard County Fairgrounds
Saturday, November 13	Club Luncheon, meeting & program Cedar Knoll, Alexandria, VA
Saturday, December 4	Scottish Walk Parade Alexandria, VA

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Karl Broom
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Pam Mckusick

Committee Chairs/Coordinators

Airedale Rescue	Pamela Mckusick
Airedale Square	Nora Dudman Ch Debra Bohle Susan Crawford Kathryn Pickard
Breeder Referral	Pamela Mckusick
Catonsville KC Liaison	Nora Dudman
Fund Raising	Marie Hammond Ch Pamela Mckusick Ch Jeanne Esmond Nancy Delea
Grooming Sessions	Nancy Flowers
Historian	Eleanor Taylor
Membership	Corally Burmaster
Match	Malcolm Graham Ch Franklin Bohle
Newsletter	Jeanne Esmond
Picnic	Nora Dudman Ch Debra Bohle Susan Crawford Kathryn Pickard
Scottish Parade	Susan Crawford
Specialty Ads	Mike Khoury
Specialty Show	Russ Hammond
Trophies	Karl Broom
Website	Karl Broom

The Club objectives are:

- to encourage those who breed Airedale Terriers, to do so responsibly and with the welfare and improvement of the breed having highest priority;
- 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;
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