



AIREDALE TERRIER CLUB OF
METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON, DC, Inc.
Newsletter

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September 2010

MIKO and Chatty Cat



Meeting Agenda:

President's report
Recording Secretary's report
Treasurer's report (posted)
Committee Reports
Election of Officers and Directors
Airedale Square
New business
Adjourn
Drawing for Ric Chashoudian Statue

Board Agenda:

Selection of Vice President
Approval of committees
New business
Adjourn

The slate of Officers and Directors for 2010/11 selected by the nominating committee are:

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| President | Franklin Bohle | Note 1 |
| Vice President | Corally Burmaster | Note 2 |
| Corresponding Secretary | Jeanne Esmond | |
| Recording Secretary | Margery Goodyear | |
| Treasurer | Nora Dudman | |
| Directors | Bonnie Belk | |
| | Malcolm Graham | |
| | Russ Hammond | |
| | Pamela Mckusick | |

Note 1. Franklin Bohle has withdrawn his name, as such Corally Burmaster will become the President.

Note 2. The Vice President will be selected at the Board meeting.

Russ Hammond Chair Nominating Committee

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Club Events 2010

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| Saturday, September, 25 | 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 |

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| Saturday, December 4 | Scottish Walk Parade Alexandria, VA |
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Directors

Karl Broom
Malcolm Graham
Russ Hammond
Pam McKusick

Committee Chairs/Coordinators

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| 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:

- (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; and
- (e) 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. by the American Kennel Club as the only standard of perfection by which Airedale Terriers shall be judged;
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Hi Club , I have a picture of Cashew, our 5 year old rescue dog that sits for long periods of time watching TV. She is waiting on other animals to appear and even knows what commercials they will appear in before they actually show up.

She is our third Airedale and the first one to do this. She goes a little crazy when they appear. I do believe she thinks the screen is a window and they are in her yard. It does make for disruptive television viewing.

Ray East, Charlottesville, Virginia



Pete and his stuffed bunny

Pete was just back from our morning outing, and he went to get his Easter bunny and brought it into his favorite cool space for a nap. This was shortly after the beasties ganged up on another bunny - so I wondered if he was dreaming of the chase!

I had a 13 month old Airedale referred to me by a training facility who felt they had done all they could do for him and that he now needed to go to someone who "knew" Airedales. When I spoke with the owners, it turned out that the problem was a twofold one, and had nothing to do with the fact that they were dealing with an Airedale.

To begin with, the class they had attended had not given them the tools necessary to teach the dog how to control himself. He should have had a head halter put on him to allow his owners to communicate with him more efficiently. They weren't able to show him what they wanted him to do so that they could reinforce it and, therefore, no learning had occurred over the course of the classes.

The second part of the problem turned out to be why they took him to an obedience class to begin with. The owners had four cats and it appeared that the Airedale didn't like them. He had chased them so unmercifully around the house that the owners now kept the cats in the lower section of their split foyer house, and kept the dog in the upper, everyone safely separated by gates. The constant vigilance necessary to maintain this security was no way to live.

Victor was a rescue Airedale, so he came with his own baggage. My discussion with the owners included the possibility that cat chasing might have been encouraged in Victor's previous life, and, if that were the case, they might not be willing to devote the time and energy that would be required to rehabilitate him. It might be necessary to rehome him to a family without cats. It hadn't occurred to the owners that someone might actually encourage a dog to chase cats, but they reluctantly accepted that this might be an unsolvable problem. I could tell, though, they wanted to give it their best shot. Victor arrived with his entire family in tow. Literally. He was your typical teenage boy, all legs, the attention span of a gnat, energy that could expand instantly to fill the space available, and not a shred of self-control. He was wearing both a choke chain and a flat collar, neither one of which was the least bit effective. He lunged at me in sheer glee and as his owner tried to keep him from hitting his mark I instructed him to please just leave him alone. Victor slammed into me several times, his front feet reaching my shoulders and each time I waited until his feet hit the floor again and then clicked and treated. Within just a few minutes, he had figured out that he could get me to click and treat if he had all four of his feet on the ground, and so he just quit jumping.

I fitted him with a Gentle Leader (a head halter similar to those used on horses that allows you to control the dog's head) and walked him around, and after a few histrionics that he discovered didn't work, he quit fighting and altered his strategy. He'd go out as far as he could go on the leash and then stand there leaning his weight against it while I played "tree." When he got tired of leaning in one direction and getting nowhere he would simply head in another direction and lean again. I clicked him each time he took the tension off the leash and pretty soon he was more interested in focusing on me than on his surroundings.

When I had reasonable attention from him and he was beginning to catch on to this clicker thing, I brought my new 10 week old kitten, Kit Kat, out to the garage and put him in a large wire crate. Lest you think I was abusing the poor dear, you should understand that he is an understudy to Chatty Cat, the Airedale Tamer. He wrestles with the puppies and smacks Jazz in the face when Jazz tries to lick her adoringly. He is full of curiosity but holds no fear where dogs are concerned.

I kept Victor about 20 feet away from the crate at first. I didn't want the distraction to be so great that he was incapable of learning. He had seen me put Kit in there and really wanted to get to him, so keeping some distance allowed at least a few brain cells to continue to function. Each time he lunged, I turned around and walked in the other direction. When he caught up with me, I clicked and treated, and returned to the starting point. When he was standing quietly at 20 feet away, we moved to 18 feet and repeated the walking away until he was again standing quietly at the target distance. I didn't say anything to him. I just kept my mouth shut and stayed out of his way so he could learn what got him the right to move closer to the cat. We proceeded this way until he was

standing quietly about ten feet from the crate, trembling in anticipation and wagging his tail but with a loose lead. He had already begun to control himself.

Right then Chatty Cat came around the corner of the garage, lay down in the gravel and rolled over with that nonchalance cats excel at. Victor lunged at her, and we did our about-turn routine several times before he got himself back under control and I allowed him to walk towards Chatty. He really worked on keeping himself in check all the way to her but totally lost his cool as he got just within reach. He leaped at her and she moved herself nimbly out of his reach in the blink of an eye, gave him a pitying look and sauntered away. Chatty doesn't suffer ill mannered dogs at all. So we went back to approaching Kit, and just took it in tiny increments so he could build up his self restraint in manageable increments.

It was perfectly clear to me in the first few minutes of working with Victor that this dog did not have murder in mind. He simply wanted to see what cats were and perhaps play with them a bit if they were so inclined. We spent the next ten minutes approaching the crate and walking away until Victor was finally able to walk quietly all the way to the crate, and touch his nose to the kitten through the wire. He lost his cool again at the contact, so we walked away again and gave him a break. When I walked him back to the crate, he was able to stand quietly for an extraordinary length of time, sniffing Kit as she rubbed her sides against the wire.

The owners, of course, were awed and amazed at Victor's demonstration of self control and I was quick to warn them that their problem was far from being over. This training session was only a foundation for them to work from. They had a crate at home already, and we spent a few minutes mapping out how they should proceed in their particular situation. I emphasized that it would be the cats, themselves, who were going to be the most difficult to convince of Victor's intentions and each one needed to be thoroughly desensitized to Victor's presence while they were safely in the crate to avoid more cat chasing behavior.

Victor, meanwhile, had finished smelling the cat and had come back to me to see if that would earn him a click and treat (it did). Chatty walked around the side of the garage again and Victor went up on his toes and began gathering himself to lunge, but he didn't. He visibly settled back down off his toes and looked at me. I clicked and treated. He turned back to Chatty and walked slowly and carefully up to her for all the world like he was really, really concentrating on the way he was supposed to do this thing. It was charming to watch him deliberately trying to control himself so that he could actually get all the way to this ultimate cat reinforcement without having someone turn him around and walk him away! Chatty sat and waited for him to approach and when he didn't pounce on her, she stood and rubbed against his front legs. I heard the owners gasp, and, quite frankly, I would have, too, had I not already been holding my breath!

Minutes

Airedale Club Luncheon, 17 July 2010

The meeting was held at Rose Restaurant, Baltimore, MD. At 1:40 pm following lunch, the meeting was called to order by the Club President Frank Bohle. Frank introduced our speaker, Tamara Granger. She presented attendees with packets and samples and information on the products produced by K-9 Cravings. The first president of the firm, Bob Barrett, was introduced to club members. Ms. Granger addressed the club members and provided information on the quality and control in manufacturing of the pet food. The ingredients have USDA certification, and have human grade ingredients. Seven flavors of pet food are available with packaging in three sizes. A drawing for prizes was held and appreciation was extended to our speaker.

New Business:

One correction of the prior meeting's minutes was noted: it was Russ Hammond present at the last meeting, not Karl Broom as indicated.

Acknowledgement of and appreciation for the Fun Match was noted. Additionally, the efforts by Nora Dudman and Pam McKusick for the successful picnic were recognized. Club Treasurer Nora Dudman indicated the treasury has \$2,419.72. Rescue has \$2,594.00 in the bank plus anticipated sales from items on display. Pam McKusick announced Jim Hession

will adopt the Airedale Farrah. Pam indicated a dog named Buster needs a home and a recent arrival to Rescue will be fostered by the Phillips family. Frank Bohle expressed gratitude to Pam McKusick. Pam noted that Alice and Nick have come to Rescue and Mick will be fostered. Nora announced the death of Simon. Pam said the kennel costs are \$26.00 per dog per day.

The 50/50 raffle in the amount of \$33.00, was won by Jeanne Esmond

Nominating Committee for the 2010-2011 announced the slate:

President: Frank Bohle

Vice president: Corally Burmaster

Treasurer: Nora Dudman

Recording Secretary: Margie Goodyear

Voting will be held at the next meeting with additional nominations from the floor. No further business to transact, a motion to adjourn was seconded by Franklin Goodyear.

The next meeting, a luncheon, will be 18 September 2010 at which time the slate of nominated officers, plus any nominations from the floor, will be voted upon.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00

Attendees: Bonnie Belk, Debra Bohle, Frank Bohle, Nora Dudman, Jeanne Esmond, Nancy Flowers, Margaret Goodyear, Franklin Goodyear, Joyce Graham, Malcolm Graham, Russ Hammond, Marie Hammond, Jim Hession, Waltraud Hielscher, Pam McKusick, Jim Schessler, Joan Schessler, Eleanor Taylor and Guests Bob Barrett and Tamara Granger, speaker for the meeting.

Respectively submitted,

Margie Goodyear,
Recording Secretary

**The AIREDALE TERRIER CLUB of METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON, D.C. Inc.
Cordially Invites You To Attend The Annual AIREDALE SQUARE
at the Catonsville Kennel Club All-Breed Show,**

**Saturday, October 16, 2010
Howard County Fairgrounds, Fairgrounds Road, West Friendship, Maryland
(Just off Rt. 144, between Rts. 32 & 97 and close to Rt. 32)**

**AIREDALE SQUARE
Our barn should be the third from the Show Building, look for our sign.
The barn will be available all day for grooming, eating, relaxing, and visiting.
There are electrical outlets. Bring your own chairs and extension cords.
Your Airedales are welcome.
Coffee and doughnuts will be available before judging and
Luncheon will be served after the Airedale judging.**

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU TH

LUNCHEON, PROGRAM, AND MEETING
Saturday, September 25, 2010

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| Cocktails : 12:00 PM | Restaurant: The Rose Restaurant |
| Luncheon: 12:30 PM | 6075 Belle Grove Road |
| Program : 2:00 PM | Baltimore, Maryland 21225 |
| Meeting : 3:00 PM | (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/Pottee street/Brooklyn into Pottee 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, September 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 |
| 2. Spaghetti With Vegetable in Marinara Sauce Pasta and vegetables in a creamy sauce. | 20.00 |
| 3. Maryland Crab Cake Broiled 4 oz lump crab | 23.00 |

Program

TBD