



AIREDALE TERRIER CLUB  
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WASHINGTON, DC, Inc.  
*Newsletter*

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Chris Baity, founder of Semper K9, speaking at our luncheon.

## Club Officers

President	Corally Burmaster
Vice President	Mary Morningstar
Corresponding Secretary	Elaine LaMontagne
Recording Secretary	Elaine LaMontagne
Treasurer	Jeanne Esmond

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Pam McKusick  
Karl Broom  
Wilder Leavitt  
Jackie Peebles  
Nancy Nykamp

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Trophies	Deb Todhunter
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### The Club Objectives

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

### Newsletter Disclaimer:

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

## From the President

We are well into the planning for our next ATCMW Specialty to be held on **April 19, 2019**. Our judges for regular and sweepstakes are in place, our application has been accepted by the AKC and our trophies are in the works. We will be repeating our very successful breakfast and luncheon service and will need volunteers to help man the table.

Our next event is the Scottish Walk on **December 1, 2018**. See the article on page 14. We will email you the particulars of gathering point, times, etc. as they become available to us. Wilder Leavitt has ATCMW business cards for all participants to hand out to spectators who inquire about our Airedales! Ask him for a handful before you start out on the parade route.

At the back of this issue is our ATCMW membership renewal form. Our By Laws state that our dues are payable on or before **January 1, of each year**. Please print out and mail to Jeanne Esmond with your dues. Alternatively, you may send your dues via Paypal. Our account is [airedaleclubdc@yahoo.com](mailto:airedaleclubdc@yahoo.com).

This issue is full of our dogs who have achieved titles in conformation and in performance events in the last several months. The newest of the performance events offered by the AKC is Coursing Ability. See page 4 for a brief explanation of this sport. However, there is no explanation needed for the look on Bill and Lynn Nelson's "Alex" as he chases the lure at top speed!



Our club has a number of members who are active with their dogs in conformation, rally, lure coursing, trick dog, and so much more. This issue will celebrate them and their accomplishments.



Bill and Lynn Nelson's Coldstream North By Northwest CA BCAT RATN TKN, "Alex," with his ribbons from one weekend.

Agility:

First place in Novice B Standard Preferred  
Two first places in Novice B Jumpers with Weaves Preferred

Rally:

Two qualifying scores for legs in Novice B Rally



Jeanne Esmond's Coldstream Indian Summer RN CGC TKN, "Indie," with two legs toward her Rally Advanced Title and two legs toward her CD title, all in one weekend!

# General Information About CAT and Fast Cat Events

<https://lurecouringspecialists.com/what-are-cats-and-fast-cats>

The purpose of the AKC Coursing Ability Test is to provide all dogs and their owners an enjoyable, healthy activity in which they can participate. Based on the sport of lure coursing, Coursing Ability Tests will serve as an introduction to the sport for all eligible dog owners. Dogs run singularly and are required to complete their course with enthusiasm and without interruption within a maximum amount of time. The Coursing Ability Test is a pass-fail event.

The CAT test is a 300, 400 or 600 yard course set up to test the ability of the all breed dog to "course" . The 300 yard is set for those dogs listed as brachycephalic or 12 inches at the withers. The 400 yard course is for the Veteran runners that are over 12 inches and those under 12 can run 200 yards. The 600 yard course is for the taller dogs.

Three titles will be awarded for dogs that pass the Coursing Ability Test the required number of times. These are suffix titles that will appear on a dog's pedigree with a higher level title superseding a lower level title. **Coursing Ability (CA)** - Awarded to a dog that passes the Coursing Ability Test three times under at least two different judges. **Coursing Ability Advanced (CAA)** - Dog passes the Coursing Ability Test a total of ten times. (CA+7 additional passes) **Coursing Ability Excellent (CAX)** - Dog passes the Coursing Ability Test a total of 25 times. **Coursing Ability Excellent 2 (CAX2)** - Dog passes the Coursing Ability Test a total of 50 times. A higher numbered title will be awarded for every additional twenty five passes.

The purpose of the AKC Fast CAT event is to provide all dogs and their owners an enjoyable, healthy activity in which they can participate. Dogs run singularly. The dog's time to complete the 100 yard dash is converted into MPH. Dogs earn points based on their handicapped speed. Titles are awarded when a dog has accumulated a given number of points.

There is a handicap for dogs 12 inches and under, 12-18 inches and over 18 inches.

Titles are earned by accumulating points. The following titles will be awarded: **BCAT** = 150 Points; **DCAT** = 500 points; **FCAT** = 1,000 points; and FCAT followed by a number (e.g. FCAT2) for every additional 500 points. These suffix titles will appear on



a dog's pedigree, with a higher level title superseding a lower level title. **TOP 20 DOGS BY BREED BY YEAR.** National rankings showing the top 20 fastest times in MPH by breed for a calendar year will be maintained on the Fast CAT website. These rankings will be automatically updated as results are processed.

"Alex" thinks the purpose of the Fast Cat activity is to catch and destroy the plastic bag "lure!"

## From Nancy Nykamp:

September was a silver month for my family. On September 2nd, Bailey, my oldest Airedale, earned her Silver Grand Champion title when she went Best Of Breed at Sussex Hills KC Dog Show in Morristown, NJ under Judge Clifford Troy Dargin. Bailey's win was perfectly timed as it allowed me time to travel home to Great Falls, VA to celebrate my Silver Wedding Anniversary the next day!

September was also the final prep month for the World Famous All Terrier Show, Montgomery, held in PA the first weekend of October. Prep included going to shows on the weekends to get our puppies accustomed to dog show sights, sounds, smells and routines.

One of these "practice" shows was the Airedale Terrier Club Of Greater Philadelphia Specialty Show at the Berks County KC Show. Practice is in quotes because a specialty show is not in the least bit a practice. At this show, my 10 year old son, Hugh, showed his 7 month puppy, Berry, to Judge Jack McLaughlin and won the Best In Sweepstakes. This was quite an accomplishment for the very young handler and his equally young puppy! It was also very meaningful since my Mom and Dad had been breeder/exhibitors and friends with Jack.

Bailey had a lovely win at this show, too. She was selected Best of Breed by Judge Diane Ondo. As Best of Breed winner, we were presented with the Barbara Strebeigh Silver Bowl, which we will keep until next year's specialty show. This was a very meaningful win, too. Barbara was an Airedale icon, and I have very fond memories of her. I recall her telling me as she tweaked my dog's head trim, "The key to good grooming is transitioning and making the Airedale look like it hadn't been groomed!"

So as September slips away and we pack for Montgomery, I pause to reflect on these bright wins, and more importantly the ties they have to Airedalers who touched my life over so many decades.



GCHS Joval Opportunity Knocks, "Bailey," with Nancy Nykamp



Hugh Garner showing Joval Sweet Strawberry Shortcake.  
Hugh co-owns "Berry" with his mother Nancy NyKamp.

Ann Riley's Coldstream Joli Coeur CD, "Gibson," resting on his laurels after a successful obedience competition. Gibson earned one leg of his Canadian Open obedience title (CDX) in September, and then followed up by earning his American CDX in October and also qualifying with a spare. All five legs were first places!



Three of our members earned their Trick Dog Novice Titles at our September Picnic!



"Juno," owned by Wilder Leavitt and Mary Morningstar.



"Barrow," owned by Joshua Brewer and Melissa Tyson.



"Tucker," owned by Jeff and Karen Miller

## Minutes of ATCMW September 15, 2018 Meeting

At 9:45AM, Corally Burmaster welcomed the Airedale owners and dogs and detailed the day's agenda to include: testing for Trick Dog Novice Title, Club meeting with election of officers followed by a short Board meeting; LUNCH, and, more testing for trick dog novice title and more training.

At 10:00AM, Wilder Leavitt described and demonstrated the Tricks required in the Trick Dog Novice Test. A total of 10 Tricks are required to earn the AKC Novice Trick Dog Title. A TKN title is earned by having a CGC and 5 tricks, or 10 tricks if the dog does not have a CGC. The tricks include: balance beam walk, bark on cue, fetch it and give, find it, high five, kiss; shake hands and thirteen (13) more, and each trick must be signed off by an AKC Evaluator, in this case, Corally Burmaster.

The test was completed and passed by three (3) dogs and owners. They were Wilder Leavitt and his dog, Juno; Jeff and Karen Miller and their dog, Tucker; and, Melissa Tyson and Joshua Brewer and their dog, Barrow. All were evaluated by Corally Burmaster and received certification to receive the AKC Novice Trick Dog Title.

At 11:15AM, President Corally Burmaster called the business meeting to order. She reminded those present about the raffle tickets for the Rescue basket and two additional prizes. She indicated that the Specialty Show was a huge success with an excellent number of entries. There were 24 Airedales shown. The club made \$600 for Airedale Rescue from the sale of items at the Rescue Booth. The club also prepared breakfast and lunch for the members. This was a huge success and thank you letters were received from grateful participants.

### Secretary's Report:

The minutes from the Picnic and Meeting on May 26, 2018 are available for reading copy.

### Election of Officers:

The ATCMW nominating committee for the officers consisted of Jeanne Esmond, Chair, Deb Todhunter and Debo West. The nominated slate of officers for 2019 is as follows:

President	Corally Burmaster
Vice President	Mary Morningstar
Secretary, Corresponding and Recording	Elaine LaMontagne
Treasurer	Jeanne Esmond

Board of Directors	Karl Broom
	Jackie Peebles
	Nancy Nykamp
	Pam McKusick
	Wilder Leavitt



Our condolences to Pat and Deb Carroll on the death of Sandi.



Sandi 6-26-2009/8-19-2018

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There was a quorum of members present. The new slate was voted in by the members.

New Members: The new members below were voted in by the membership.

Ann Cosgrove

Patty and Michael Geyer

Upcoming Events: Wilder Leavitt provided a reminder that the Scottish Walk is scheduled in Old Town Alexandria on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in December.

Airedale Rescue: Pam McKusick introduced her rescue dog, Tiger, who accompanied her to the event.

No Unfinished Business or New Business was reported.

At 12:00 PM, a motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Following lunch, the raffle was held with the proceeds going to rescue. Elaine LaMontagne won the Toy-Filled and Airedale Gift Basket arranged by President Burmaster. Second place prizes were won by Suzanne Cerbie and Jackie Peebles.

At 12:45 PM, Training Demonstration

Corally Burmaster demonstrated how to use a "marker" for behavior training. The methodology includes shaping, luring and capturing. She used several dogs to exhibit a variety of ways to reset their behavior with a "clicker" and treat, training in small or tiny increments. She showed how timing of the cue was key to gain the desired behavior. Dogs ranging from seven (7) months to (7) years were used for the demos.

Attendees: Corally Burmaster, Wilder Leavitt, Mary Morningstar, Alan Tefft, Suzanne Cerbie, Jackie Peebles, Melissa Tyson, Joshua Brewer, Jeff Miller, Karen Miller, Nick Miller, Greg Thomas, Mary Anna Thomas, Jeanne Esmond, Debo West, Ellen Wingerd, Marie Hammond, Skippy Colley, Debra Taylor, Pam McKusick, Mill Moody, Ginger Robinson, Franklin Goodyear, Margie Goodyear, Jennifer Little, Jason Little, Bill Nelson, Bernard Gronneveld, Amy Waychoff, Ann Cosgrove, Elaine LaMontagne

Respectfully filed by Elaine LaMontagne, 9/15/2018

### **Minutes from Luncheon and Meeting, November 10, 2018**

The Airedale Terrier Club of Metropolitan Washington, DC met on Saturday, November 10 2018, at Cedar Knoll Restaurant in Alexandria Virginia. A luncheon program and meeting were held. The speaker was Christopher Baity, founder and kennel master of SemperK9, an organization that rescues dogs from shelters and trains them as service dogs for veterans. The event was well attended with 28 members and guests.



Ginger Robinson, Ann Cosgrove, Jackie Peebles, Amy Waychoff

After the luncheon ended at 1:00, Corally Burmaster called the business meeting to order. Two events were discussed. The first was the Specialty Show which will be held on April 19, 2019. Last year the Show was a huge success with an excellent number of entries. The club prepared breakfast and lunch for the members. This was very well received and expected to be repeated this coming year.

Wilder Leavitt briefed the club on the Scottish Walk to be held in Old Town Alexandria on December 1<sup>st</sup>. He indicated that the only requirement for the walk was to

"show up". Further information including the meeting location will be sent out to all members shortly before the event. Many Airedale rescue owners attended the Walk last year, and we would like to encourage these participants to join the club. Business cards with contact information on the club have been printed to hand out to non-members at events such as the walk.



Greg and Mary Anna Thomas,

There was not a report on the Rescue Committee due to the absence of Pam McKusick.



Ellen Wingerd, Kay Wingerd

Corally stated that the notes from the previous meeting would be printed in the next club newsletter. She followed by calling for Unfinished Business to no response. She called for New Business and there was no new business.

Corally closed the business meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 1:20.

Corally turned the meeting over the Karl Broom to introduce the Guest Speaker.

Karl introduced Christopher Baity. He and his wife founded Semper K9. The organization rescues dogs from shelters and trains them to be service dogs at no cost for disabled service members. Christopher is a veteran of the Marine Corps dog trainer and kennel master with three combat deployments, one civilian deployment and two additional overseas deployments with working dogs. He has over 16 years of dog training and handling experience. He is currently a Certified Dog Trainer (CDT), evaluator and service dog instructor.



Chris Baity, Corally Burmaster, Linda Dart, Madisen Nguyen

Christopher was awarded American Heroes Channel's Red Bandanna Hero in 2016 and named a Washingtonian of the Year for 2017 by Washingtonian magazine. He will be featured in an upcoming national campaign honoring military service members for their integrity and selfless service.

Karl expressed his thanks for the work that Christopher and his organization have done for veterans. He also described his own experience as a veteran and the difficulties of coming home and adapting to the environment.

Christopher began his talk by describing his mission. Semper K9 not only utilizes rescue dogs in their service dog selection process but they also custom train each dog to the specific needs of their wounded veterans. They provide training and support for the entire family. Through this integration, they teach caregivers and other family members the skills needed to support the veteran in their recovery through animal-assisted therapy. He takes the best dogs that he can find with his experience in the selection process and works to assist a service member with a physical or mental health challenge. Fully trained dogs are capable of bringing calm to a service member with PTSD or performing at least three disability mitigating tasks.



Pete, the service dog.

Semper K9 Community Education Program is presented at schools, civic organizations and businesses. It focuses on the impact service dogs have on our wounded veterans. Their funding comes donations of any size such as the proceeds of today's raffle.



Wilder Leavitt, Franklin Goodyear, Marge Goodyear, Marie Hammond, Nancy NyKamp

*Question: Have you kept track of the number of dogs trained and delivered to service veterans?*

They will complete their fifth year in December. Typically Semper K9 evaluates over 100 candidates each year. Depending on the availability of candidates they accept 10-15 new dogs into the program each year.



Ann Kington, Elaine LeMontagne, Debo West, Jeanne Esmond

*Question: What are the services that the dogs complete?*

There are limitless things that the dogs can do. They can assist those with mental health challenges or those with mobility challenges by such things as turning on lights, fetching items, alerting owners to potential problems. The dog is the "extra set of eyes".

*Question: What do you look for in a dog?*

They look for trainability, a dog that can problem solve and one who is comfortable with stimuli. They should be treat-driven and mentally sound; not one who reacts to sounds. They search for the laid back ones; those who are always hungry. The dog needs to stand out in the litter; should be in the top 5%.

*Question: What is Pete's background? (Pete, a mixed breed service dog, accompanied Christopher to the event)*

Pete was a shelter dog who was named after a veteran. Chris explained that each dog is named after a deceased veteran.

*Question: Do the males or the females work out better with the training?*

He has had both male and female. Females work better but they take the best dog, not necessarily choosing a female over a male.

*Question: Is there a size requirement for the dog?*

It should be 55 pounds or larger and 24" tall but this isn't necessarily a strict requirement.

*Question: Is there an age requirement?*

The dogs are usually 4 - 6 months old in order to evaluate them.

*Question: When do they usually begin the service?*

They usually go into service with the veteran after 1 to 1 ½ years in training with the veteran and the dog is normally 2 years old.

*Question: What training does the veteran get?*

They are trained for six weeks to six months depending on their needs. The mobility training is just like the dog's training. They continue to bring the dogs back for the training. The dog "picks" the veteran; they go through the process together. The veteran may need to wait six months before getting the right dog.

*Question: What breeds of dogs are trained by your Semper K9?*

The majority of the dogs that are in the program are Labrador Retrievers, German Shepherds or cross-breeds of those.

A special "thank you" was given to the guest speaker and the other veterans in the audience by the club members. A "thank you" was also given to Corally Burmaster for planning the special program.

A raffle was held by the club for two multi-gift baskets and several additional prizes. The proceeds from the raffle were given to Semper K9 as a donation from the club.

Below are the names of the attendees:

Wilder Leavitt, Mary Morningstar, Elaine LaMontagne, Jeanne Esmond, Jackie Peebles, Linda Dart, Corally Burmaster, Marge Goodyear, Franklin Goodyear, Ellen Wingerd, Kay Wingerd, Diane Cullen, Greg Thomas, Mary Anna Thomas, Ann Cosgrove, Debo West, Mark Kington, Ann Kington, Stephanie Hammond, Marie Hammond, Amy Waycloff, Karl Broom, Nancy Nykamp, Olivea Garver, Ginger Robinson, Madisen Nguyen, Chris Baity

Respectfully submitted,  
Elaine LaMontagne

## Airedales Attend the Blessing of the Animals



Tiger and Reverend Ann



Ann Cosgrove and Chance

Archie (Airedale Rescue dog formerly named Mr. Blue) singing with gusto at the Blessing of the Animals.

## Ambulating Alexandria Airedales Anyone?

By Wilder J. Leavitt

That's a lot of *a's* even for the most ardent Airedale admirer. But I might just have your attention for a moment. We are just a few weeks away from a chance to parade our beloved canines down streets of onlookers squeezing up to the curb to see the largest of the terriers, prancing down the asphalt with their regal gait and alert, head-up attitude. Behold several dozen Airedale Terriers and their handlers, and I challenge you not to be in awe of their black and tan beauty.



The 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend & Parade will be held this year on November 30 - December 1, 2018 in Old Town, Alexandria, Virginia. This year's parade will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, December 1, 2018. For years, members of the Airedale Terrier Club of Metropolitan Washington, DC (ATCMW) have participated in this event, and we encourage you to join us this year. If you are new to the Scottish Christmas Walk Parade, you might be wondering, "Is this for my Airedale and me?" Of course, it is. Consider the benefits of taking your Airedale for a walk down King Street. Thousands of people will smile at you, wave at you, and clap their hands together for you (OK, it's for the dog, it's always for the

dog). You get to be sandwiched between a fife and drum corps and several dozen Scottish Deerhounds doing their thing and trying to keep up with the Airedale pride of the parade. You will be among about thirty of us and our prized four-legged friends as we march through the colonial-era streets saying hello to onlookers and trying to avoid the occasional hard-candies strewn here and there on the asphalt dropped by earlier revelers. You and your dog will get to meet other club members, share stories, and proudly introduce your pup to children of all ages along the route who cannot resist petting your canine. We will carry the ATCMW banner out front, and your dog will be outfitted with a decorative Scottish-themed ruff around his or her neck. What could be more fun on a chilly, winter day in Old Town?

If this sounds like fun to you, please watch your email, the ATCMW website, and our Facebook page for more information. It's really a thrill to turn a corner and hear an excited spectator yell, "Yeah! Here come the Airedales."