

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

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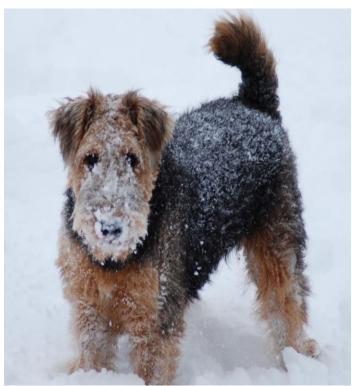
March 2010



SNOWDALES

Snowdales

Some of our Club members have submitted pictures and comments about their Dales and the recent historic snow falls. Thanks for your input! Enjoy!



These are pictures of Gracie's first big snowfall! She loves digging, so this gave her lots of chances to have fun digging tunnels. In fact, that was the only way to make it to her favorite potty spot. The snow was so high that she could walk right over our fence, so we closed off the deck of the house for potty brakes. We now call it the poop deck! In November Gracie got her Good Citizen's Certificate, but you would never tell it by these photos. It looks more like she is trying to rescue someone from a snow slide, but alas, the only thing she rescued was some long buried chewies. She had lots of fun tunneling, digging, and jumping in the snow only to return to the house like a matted Snowdale. It's has been a couple of weeks, and the snow is still too high to let her out in her vard, so she is still confined to the deck when she goes out unless it is Gracie and Daddy play time. She still manages to direct walkers and dog friends from the deck looking back at us and giving us that famous Airedale sigh as if to say..." I really need my yard back"



DIG, DIG-River in the backyard!

Snow Tales

Most dogs seem to like snow. Whenever there is a blanket of snow on the ground, every weather program on TV rolls out all the pictures of cute little doggies and oblivious retrievers frolicking in the snow - playing with each other, leaping through it, rolling in it. Those are not our dogs. In December, when we thought we had a monster snowstorm, we learned that Pete is definitely not interested in frolicking of any sort and especially if it involves (a) cold or (b) wet. He claimed a place on the sofa, and slept through it. Gretchen, on the other hand, was game – she viewed it as a challenge to her normal patrol duties along the fence. Roll in the snow? Are you crazy? She managed to race through it to get where she needed to be, stopping to eat it along the way, and then lying down in it waiting for something that needed chasing. Play in it? Please!

Then came February and the blizzards of 2010. This was a storm that was a challenge to humans and animals alike. Even the hardiest of dogs would find it difficult to maneuver through three feet of snow, but the luckiest of dogs live at our house. They always have a lot going for them, but their biggest advantage lies in the fact that the people they live with just don't have good sense. That would be the only possible explanation for the fact that with 30 inches of snow on the ground, before breakfast, before clearing any walks, before digging down the driveway - the male human of the house was outside clearing a path across the deck and digging channels in the snow for dogs to run through. I know - everyone digs a path through the snow for their dogs. These were not paths. These were major thoroughfares! It looked as if a giant gopher had been working its way across the backyard, making his way from one side to the other with wide spaces for resting at either end. When the doors were opened for the dogs to go out, Pete stepped out on the deck and looked up at the still drippy sky, grunted in disgust, and turned around to come back in. Gretchen ventured out, but even though she's taller than average, she couldn't see over the wall of snow surrounding her. She followed the trails from one end to the other, stopped in the turnarounds, and came inside.

The humans were certain someone must *need* to go out, so all day long and into the night they put on boots, parkas, gloves, and hats and led the beasties outside. Then they led the beasties inside again, cleaned snow from eight feet, and took off boots, parkas, gloves, and hats. Then repeat. As I said, these people don't have good sense. About 1:30 in the morning, Pete starts whining. Here we go again. Being the less fastidious of the two, Pete gives up and relieves himself in the "rest" stop, but Gretchen will have none of that. The next day, after Gretchen has gone two full days with no potty stops, I take another look at the trails. They are wide enough for two dogs to pass in the channels, but the snow is too high to see over. Knowing that Gretchen will go yards off a trail to poop, I decide that she thinks she is inside and she's not about to poop on HER trail. So – it's time to call the male human again. Out come the shovels, and a new trail is cleared down to the fence. We clean the snow off the fence so the dogs can see through it into the next yard, then we complete this masterpiece with a large loop to run along the fence and reconnect back at the beginning. The doors are opened. Airedales race out. The celebrations begin! Relief!

And now the Airedales play - chasing balls, chasing each other, trying to venture out of the trails only to crash through the snow and return to safety. Some semblance of normalcy has returned. Life is good again. And then comes round 2. The snow returns. No worry. Trails are re-opened, new trails are dug along the fence lines, and sanity prevails. Except for the two humans – who just don't have good sense.



Pete and Gretchen have a snow snack.

Pete was one of Walter Troutman's Airedales. Bonnie and her husband graciously opened their home to this nice boy who obviously enjoys his new sister's company.

Shadows

In honor of the dogs we have lost in the last few months...

"The Housedog's Grave" By Robinson Jeffers [American Poet 1887-1962]

I've changed my ways a little, I cannot now Run with you in the evenings along the shore, except in a kind of dream; and you, if you dream a moment

You see me there.

So leave awhile the paw-marks on the front door Where I used to scratch to go out or in, And you'd soon open; leave on the kitchen floor The marks of my drinking-pan.

I cannot lie by your fire as I used to do On the warm stone, Nor at the foot of your bed; no, all the nights through I lie alone.

But your kind thought has laid me less than six feet Outside your window where firelight so often plays, And where you sit to read -- and I fear often grieving for me --

Every night your lamplight lies on my place.

You, man and woman, live so long, it is hard To think of you ever dying. A little dog would get tired, living so long. I hope that you when you are lying

Under the ground like me your lives will appear As good and joyful as mine. No, dears, that's too much hope: you are not so well cared for As I have been.

And never have known the passionate undivided Fidelities that I knew. Your minds are perhaps too active, too many-sided But to me you were true.

You were never masters, but friends. I was your friend. I loved you well, and was loved. Deep love endures To the end and far past the end. If this is my end, I am not lonely. I am not afraid. I am still yours.

Eleanor Taylor has lost her Alex and opened her heart and home to a rescue, Sammy. Russ and Marie Hammond lost their Sweet Sera.

Joyce and Karl Broom lost Brady, their brave boy recently.

Our hearts go out to all...

PRESIDENT

Frank Bohle

Well the winter snows are almost behind us and it time to gear up for some of our Club's key activities.

Coming up soon is our next regular club meeting at Ceder Knoll on 13 March. It will be fun to catch up with everyone after the long winter. Hope everyone can attend.

Just around the corner is our next grooming seminar lead by Nancy Flowers scheduled for 21 March - need to register by 18 March. Always a good time to see the dogs and pick up some grooming tips from Nancy.

And pretty soon our Specialty Show will be here and another opportunity to gather with Club members and see some great dogs in super condition. You have a few more days until 8 March to get your ads into the show program. Placing an ad is a great way to celebrate a favorite airedale, show your support for rescue or advertize a litter while supporting the club. Ads can be placed by contacting me.

Just a reminder that club dues are due 31 March, hope to see you all at the luncheon,

Frank

President's Report **Recording Secretary's Report** Treasurer's Report (Posted) **Committee Reports New Business** Adjourn

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	Club Events 2010		
Saturday, March 13	Club Luncheon, meeting & program	Cedar Knoll, Alexandria, VA	
Sunday, March 21	Grooming Workshop	Gaithersburg, MD	
Friday, April 23	ATCMW Specialty Show	Maryland State Fairgrounds	
Sunday, May 2	ATCMW Match and Picnic	Acredale Park	
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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The Club objectives are:

- to encourage those who breed Airedale (a) 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.

Airedale Grooming Workshop Sunday 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm March 21, 2010

Our grooming workshops are offered to provide Airedale owners (club, non-club, pet or show) with an opportunity to learn handson grooming techniques in a group setting. Handouts on grooming supplies, vendors, equipment suggestions and grooming diagrams will be available for all attendees.

CLIPPING - Our grooming sessions for 2010 will feature a live demonstration of clipping an Airedale. After the clipping demo, attendees will then work on clipping their dog.

STRIPPING - A stripping video may be viewed or borrowed from the grooming coordinator for those interested in learning to strip an Airedale. The grooming coordinator will work and demo stripping techniques with individuals.

YOU MUST RSVP BY 3/18/10 TO ATTEND THE GROOMING SESSION!

Let the Grooming Coordinator know which grooming session or sessions you will attend, your preferred method of grooming (clipping/stripping) and the number of dogs you will bring. Your dog(s) should arrive combed out, tangle free and freshly bathed (bath doesn't have to have been that morning). A clean coats make grooming easier and will extend the life of your clipper blades/grooming tools.

TO RSVP:	Contact Grooming Coordinator Nancy Flowers at 410-935-8548 or email <u>flowers@umbc.edu</u>
	If you leave a message, be sure to include your name and call back number or email.

Location:	Building 5, 5-4 Metropolitan Court, Gaithersburg, MD 20877
Fee:	\$10.00 per dog (cash or check made payable to ATCMW)

What to Bring:

- Clean Airedale on lead
- Water bowl
- Grooming table and arm (hopefully you have these, if not let coordinator know when you RSVP)
- Grooming tools (clipper, blades, comb, palm brush, scissors, stripping knives if stripping)
- Upon arrival at the workshop location exercise your dog before coming in use the grassy space opposite the parking lot, being sure to clean up after your dog. Dumpster available at end of parking lot.
- Be prepared to clean up your dog hair after grooming and before departure.

Directions:

From Baltimore or Washington

Take I 495 to I 270 North to Clopper Road (exit 10). At bottom of exit ramp make a RIGHT on to Clopper Road (route 117). Cross over Bureau Drive, Quince Orchard Road and Firstfield Road. Make a RIGHT on to Metropolitan Grove Road (watch for MVA sign). Make the first LEFT on to Metropolitan Court. Go past the large parking lot on your right. Stay to your right and enter the parking area for 5 Metropolitan Court – Grooming facility is the last doorway to your right and is numbered 5-4 over the door. There will be a round wooden picnic table out front.

From Points North (Frederick)

Take I 270 South to Quince Orchard Road (exit 11). At end of exit ramp make a RIGHT on to Quince Orchard Road. Make a RIGHT on to Clopper Road. Make a LEFT on Metropolitan Grove Road (watch for MVA sign). Make the first LEFT on to Metropolitan Court. Go past the large parking lot on your right. Stay to your right and enter the parking area for 5 Metropolitan Court – Grooming facility is the last doorway to your right and is numbered 5-4 over the door. There will be a round wooden picnic table out front.

LUNCHEON AND MEETING Saturday, March 13, 2010

Restaurant Cedar Knoll Inn, 9030 Lucia Lane, Alexandria VA, 703 799 1501

Cocktails: 12:00 Luncheon 12:30 Speaker 1:15 Meeting 2:15

Directions from Old Town Alexandria

Travel south on Washington Street through Old Town, which then becomes the George Washington Parkway. Continue south on the GW Parkway about 7 miles to Lucia Lane. Turn right and the restaurant is on immediate left. **Directions from Maryland**

Cross the Woodrow Wilson Bridge into Virginia, **STAY IN RIGHT LANE ON BRIDGE** (local traffic) take exit 177C, turn right on Washington St. and follow directions from Old Town.

Direction from Washington, D.C.

Take 14th Street Bridge to GW Parkway south towards Regean National Airport, continue south to Old Town and follow directions from Old Town.

Reservations: Please make your reservations no later than 12 Noon, Wednesday, March 10, 2010, with Joan or Jim Schessler, <u>jischessler@comcast.net</u>, 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.*

Menu Choices: All menu choices include coffee, tea, or soft drink. 1. Chicken Amelia \$21.00 Tender chicken breast dipped in beaten egg, bread crumb parmesan and lightly fried in olive oil. Served with linguini pasta. 2.Tortellini Al Pesto \$17.00 Cheese tortellini with homemade pesto sauce, fresh parmesan cheese, Spanish pine nuts, olive oil, and garlic. 3. Cubano Sandwich \$16.00 Grilled pressed combination of roast pork, honey baked ham and cheese on fresh bread with french fries. 4 Chicken Caesar Salad \$18.00

Garnished with fresh parmesan cheese, anchovies, and herbed croutons.

Speaker: TBA

Meeting Agenda:

President's report Recording Secretary's report Treasurer's report (posted) Committee Reports New members Membership renewals Specialty Show Grooming Workshop Match & Picnic New business Adjourn

Green Scene De-icing with the safety of pets, plants and people in mind



De-icing chemicals are popular and get the job done, but take care that what you buy and use isn't harmful. (Steve Ruark/asociated Press)

Local governments in the Washington area have been spreading massive amounts of de-icers for snow and ice removal. These materials can harm streams, rivers and the Chesapeake Bay as they wash from paving, and can harm pets, plants, wildlife and aquatic life.

Salts (chlorides), a common ice-melting agent, can be toxic to living things, especially when applied in excess, like this winter.

Rock salt (sodium chloride), a mined, native salt, is the best-known melting agent. It works fast and melts ice at temperatures as low as 20 degrees Fahrenheit. The coarse crystals can be broadcast onto pavements by hand or with a spreader. Of all de-icers, it most negatively affects plant growth -- but it is the most readily available and least expensive option. Apply two to four pounds per 100 square feet.

Another salt product is muriate of potash (potassium chloride), which is also used in fertilizer. Applied as recommended, it melts ice and won't hurt plants. It melts more slowly than rock salt but, with patience, provides superior results. Apply a maximum of three to five pounds per 100 square feet.

Calcium chloride, another salt, melts ice faster than the others and works at colder temperatures, down to 5 degrees Fahrenheit. It is one of the least harmful salts to concrete, but it damages plants. For plant safety, use it only when you can't find magnesium chloride, one of the newest materials to reach the homeowner market.

Magnesium chloride is your best bet if it's speed you want. Used as recommended, it won't harm paving or plants and is effective to minus-13 degrees Fahrenheit. You'll use less of this than other de-icers, applying it at a rate of one to two pounds per 100 square feet.

I like to use de-icers in conjunction with skid-proofing agents, which can keep a surface safe long after salt is dissolved. Some materials that offer traction on icy surfaces are sawdust, shredded corn cobs, peanut hulls, fine-ground bark, ashes, gravel, sand, cinders, perlite, vermiculite, kitty litter, straw and wood chips. All are environmentally friendly. These anti-skid agents do not dissolve in water and can be swept up for reuse. You can rake them into lawn or cultivate into planting beds without harming plants.

The most effective anti-skid products are cinders, coarse sand, tiny [one-eighth to one-quarter inch] crushed gravel and kitty litter. Among them, sand is the least obtrusive and easiest to clean up. These materials were used until the early 1960s, when the use of salt began.

Urea, synthesized from ammonia and carbon dioxide, is also a plant nutrient. It's effective to 25 degrees Fahrenheit. The drawbacks are that it promotes growth of algae when washed into rivers and streams and that it is slow-working. I consider urea to be more of a nitrogen source in fertilizer than a de-icer.

A product called Safe Paw is chemically similar to urea but contains nitrate inhibitors that reportedly bind its nitrates to soil and keep it out of water supplies. Safe Paw is advertised as pet-, child- and environmentally safe and does not contain chloride, so it doesn't damage concrete, lawn or plants.

Never use a fertilizer as a de-icer. Phosphorus and urea will run off into planting beds, and now is not the time to fertilize plants. It is also toxic to aquatic life.

If a little is good, more is not better. Do not over-apply salts. That's when they threaten plants and, used in extreme amounts, can damage concrete and mortar.

If you must use salt this winter, here are tips to help your plants survive:

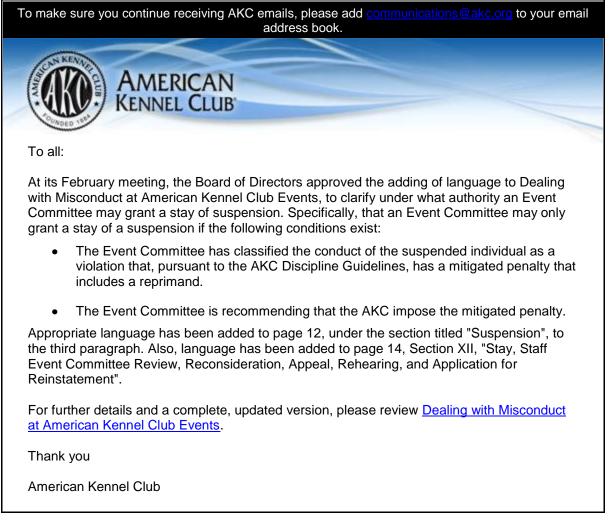
- -- Plant trees and shrubs 20 feet from roadways that are salted.
- -- Don't shovel snow from salted walks onto plants.
- -- Don't buy ice-melting products without knowing their ingredients.
- -- Rely on rain and good soil aeration to help salt pass through soil with minimal damage.

-- Without rain, irrigate with about seven inches of water in spring (an inch a day for a week) if rainfall is inadequate.

-- Keep salt-sensitive plants like azaleas, crabapples, crapemyrtles, dogwoods, forsythias, American hollies, maples, rhododendrons, sweetgums and yews as clear of paving as possible.

Contact the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service for its free fact sheet "Melting Ice Safely." In Maryland, call 800-342-2507; from Virginia and Washington, 410-531-1757.

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AIREDALE TERRIER CLUB OF METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON, DC

YEAR 2010 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

MEMBER #1		MEMBER #2					
Please provide you	r <u>email address</u> and any changes to	o other contact in	formation.				
STREET	CITY	STATE	ZIP				
TELEPHONE	E-MAIL ADDRESS			KENNEL			
Please check any of the following activities in which you are interested:							
Pet training Obedience competition Airedale rescue							
Hospitality for Club	events Sales/auctions of Ai	redale memorabi	lia				
Show grooming Pet grooming Match show Obedience match							
ATCMW specialty/puppy sweepstakes show							
Organize show/obedience trophies ATCMW Newsletter							
Sell advertising for specialty show catalogue Scottish Christmas Parade							
Plan/arrange meeting programs Coordinate meeting attendance							
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ATCMW established the ASSOCIATE membership so that it could more readily meet its quorum of 20% of its voting members required to be in attendance when the Club conducts business at its general membership meetings. Listed below are definitions of the three Club memberships. So that we can be more certain of meeting the 20% quorum requirement for our general meetings, <u>please select the ASSOCIATE membership if you do not plan to attend regularly the six bimonthly general membership meetings.</u>

<u>ASSOCIATE and ASSOCIATES (no more than two people at one address) MEMBER(S)</u> are entitled to participate in all ATCMW functions/activities including attendance at general membership meetings except that he/she cannot hold elected office, vote when the Club conducts business at its general meetings and be included in the Club's quorum requirement,.

<u>INDIVIDUAL</u> and <u>HOUSEHOLD</u> (no more than two people at one address) <u>MEMBERS</u> are included in the Club's quorum requirement for general meetings, can vote at those meetings and hold elective office, and are entitled to all of the other privileges of Club membership.

I(We) would like to renew my(our) membership(s) with the ATCMW as an

ASSOCIATE _____ ASSOCIATES ____ INDIVIDUAL _____ HOUSEHOLD _____ member(s).

DUES: ASSOCIATE \$12; ASSOCIATES \$24; INDIVIDUAL \$15; HOUSEHOLD \$25.

<u>CONTRIBUTIONS</u>: At the end of each year we ask our members to contribute to the ATCMW's Airedale Rescue Fund and Trophy Fund. Your generous support over the years has made the Club's rescue work a model operation. The trophies that the Club donates to winners at our Specialty Show and Sweepstakes, as well as at our supported entry and B/OB puppy match are tremendously important to the continued success of those well attended and well run events.

TOTAL REMITTANCE: MEMBERSHIP DUES (\$12, \$15, \$24 or \$25): \$

ATCMW TROPHY CONTRIBUTION: \$_____

AIREDALE RESCUE FUND CONTRIBUTION: \$_____

<u>TOTAL:</u> \$_____

Please make check payable to ATCMW and send with this renewal form

NO LATER THAN MARCH 31, 2007 to:

Airedale Club Luncheon, 14 November 2009

The meeting was held at Cedar Knoll Inn, Alexandria, VA. At 1:15 the club's guest speaker, Dr. Jerry Hine, of Fort Hunt Animal Hospital, began his presentation with handouts on the diagnosis of tumors on dogs and cats and treatments and procedures available and the new medical procedures in treating tumors and cancers. He emphasized the owners' responsibility to be vigilant in detecting changes by massage and routine examination of one's pets. Dr. Hinn spoke on new Pfizer medications in testing and the use of vitamins and fish oils plus surgical removal of growths. Chemotherapy, digital X-rays, as well as Laparoscopy procedures involving cutting and stapling to treat the nail bed near the toe if cancer is detected. Our thanks and appreciation were given to Dr. Hinn

For his devotion and contributions to the Club, former President Russ Hammond was presented a gift of a handsome wooden box bearing his name as well as a decorated cake to commemorate the event.

<u>Old Business:</u> The meeting was called to order by President Frank Bohle. It was announced that Airedale Square had the top dog in the country. The Minutes of the prior meeting provided in the newsletter were approved. The treasurer's report was posted. The hard work done by Jeanne Esmond, Newsletter Editor was acknowledged and Pam McKusick was cited for her diligence and work for Rescue. The Scottish Walk is scheduled for 5 December 2009. It was suggested that we bring plastic bags for waste. and wear coordinated attire, i.e., black and tan to provide a more uniform presentation.

<u>New Business</u>: Those not on the internet will continue to receive the newsletter in the mail. Dues should be paid no later than the end of January. Jeanne Esmond is collecting club dues. The club raffle 50-50 was won by Debbie Bohle. New Members voted on and approved were: Household Membership: Jack and Marge Phillips and: Associate Member - Anne Benenson.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

<u>Attendees:</u> Members: Helga Adams, Hugh Andrew, Bonnie Belk, Arlene and Mack Black, Debbie & Frank Bohle, Joyce and Karl Broom, Corally Burmaster, Janice Currie, Linda Dart, Nora Dudman, Jeanne Esmond, Nancy Flowers, Margie & Franklin Goodyear, Joyce & Malcolm Grahm, Marie & Russ Hammond, Stephanie Hammond, Jim Hession, Waltraud Hielscher, Pam McKusick, Cliff Peabody, Kathy Picard, Bill Russell, Jim and Joan Schessler, Eleanor Taylor, Debo West and Guests: G. Robinson and Dr. and Mrs. Jerry Hinn.

Respectively submitted,

Margie Goodyear, Recording Secretary