



AIREDALE TERRIER CLUB OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA

A I R E W A V E S

NOVEMBER 2009

FROM THE PRESIDENT – Brenda McCann

With autumn here, the Joyous Holidays around the corner, late summer is still fresh in our memories. We all enjoyed a summer afternoon in the country at Birchrun during our Club picnic in June, hosted by Adele Abe. In September, we joined together for our AKC Match Show and Fun Day. Thanks to all who were so dedicated in making these activities very successful including our "canine games"!

As an AKC accredited Airedale Terrier Club we have new AKC requirements to fill now in order to keep us in good standing with the AKC. Due to all the hard work of our devoted members, we have been able to fulfill these requirements for another year. Great job!

The ATCGP will be having some new activities coming up this fall and winter--like our fall hike, held at the West Vincent Township Park, followed by a meeting. This was a wonderful opportunity to meet other members and for new members to become familiar with us.

We will be holding our Annual Christmas Party & Chinese Auction again this year. Fliers will be sent to all members with all the details. Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 13, to join in this fabulous, fun, holiday gathering at Birchrun.

Our January meeting will be followed by a crafting afternoon. We will be making fund raising items which will debut at our May Sweepstakes & Specialty Show. Come on, come out--show off your crafting talent(s). Don't miss out on the fun!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 30, 2010, for the Lehigh Valley K. C. Canine Learning Experience in Allentown, PA. Visit our Club's booth at this event and learn more about our favorite breed. This is a great way to help the Club meet the AKC requirements to maintain our specialty club status. If you are interested in volunteering to help with the booth, please contact Bill Kochler (610-827-7889) of the Activities Committee.

Membership dues notices have been sent out. Please take the time to fill out your notice and return it to the Treasurer. They are due by January 15.

ATCGP 2009-2010 CALENDAR

DEC. 13 1:00 Christmas party at Birchrun, home of Adele Abe.

JAN. 17 1:30 Club meeting at West Vincent Township Bldg.

JAN. 30 10:00 Lehigh Valley KC Canine Learning Experience at Allentown, PA.

MAR. TBA Annual luncheon.

APR. TBA Club meeting at West Vincent Township Bldg.

MAY TBA ATCGP Specialty & Sweepstakes.

LITTERS

Karen Coffey has a male and two female pups from her litter born Oct. 12 still available.

For other puppy information, contact Doris McLaughlin at 302-239-4904.

DELAWARE VALLEY RESCUE by Mike Lurski

At the present time, we have 5 Airedales awaiting adoption. Two are "must be an only dog."

The good news is that we recently have had three adopted, including one female that is a "must be an only dog". These dogs are, of course, extremely difficult to place. In two months or so, we look forward to our winter edition of "STARTING OVER", the bi-annual newsletter of Airedale Rescue and Adoption of the Delaware Valley.

MEMORIALS

Club member, Tim Sawyer, 70, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2009, at home. He was the husband of Frances K. Sawyer for 23 wonderful years.

Tim was a 1957 graduate of Manheim Twp. High School and a 1961 graduate of Franklin & Marshall College, with a degree in humanities. He also took advanced German Studies at the Goethe Institute in Germany. He worked as a German, Latin and English teacher for Penn Manor High School in Millersville for 28 years until 1988. He then worked as a German teacher for Albright College. He was a member of the American Association of Teachers of German.

An accomplished organist, Tim first served as a substitute organist for local churches in Lancaster before being named the first Director of Music at Highland Presbyterian Church in Lancaster.

We hope that you keep Fran in your prayers. This was, of course, a terrible loss for her and their three dogs. Tim is greatly missed by many.

Club member, Maja Teufer, a long-time resident of Chadds Ford, PA, passed away on December 7, 2009, after a year long battle with cancer. Maja and her husband moved to the United States from Europe after World War II and settled in the Wilmington area. Maja was a docent at the Winterthur Museum in Greenville, DE, for many years and later volunteered at the Winterthur library translating into English numerous books, diaries and documents belonging to the Dupont family and the Winterthur collection.

However, it was the enjoyment and the beauty of animals, birds and nature that were her true passion---especially her Airedales, Kashmir and Moogie.

Maja was a member of the ATCGP, Airedale Rescue of the Delaware Valley, the Audubon Society, the Wildlife Foundation, the ASPCA and Sight Dogs for the Blind. She will be sorely missed.

Adele Abe lost her mischievous grande dame, Treat, Adele's Birchrn Treat, at the end of October. She was 13 yrs. old.

In September, Caroline Beard lost her beloved Ferdy, Ch. Altena Bully for You. He was 14.5 yrs. old and a litter brother to the McLaughlin's Corky.

On November 5, Jack & Doris McLaughlin's Corky, Altena Blarney Stone, went to the Rainbow Bridge to meet her brother, Ferdy. She was 14.5 yrs. old.

BOOK SHELF Some interesting books to get from your local library

Tell Me Where It Hurts; A Day of Humor, Healing and Hope In My Life as an Animal Surgeon, by Nick Trout

Monologue of a Dog; New Poems, by Wislawa Szymborska

Animals Make Us Human; Creating the Best Life For Animals, by Temple Grandin

Dogs That Know When Their Owners Are Coming Home and Other Unexplained Powers of Animals, by Rupert Sheldrake

Dogs Never Lie About Love; Reflections On the Emotional World of Dogs, by J. Mason

Dogs and Puppies, by Jinny Johnson

Advanced Obedience--Easier Than You Think, by Joel M. McMains

All About Showing Dogs, by David Cavill

American Animal Hospital Association Encyclopedia of Dog Health and Care, by Sally Boardwell

DOGGIE LETTERS TO GOD

Dear God, How come people love to smell flowers, but seldom smell one another? Where are their priorities?

Dear God, When we get to Heaven, can we sit on your couch? Or is it the same old story?

Dear God, Excuse me, but why are there cars named after the jaguar, the cougar, the mustang, the colt, the stingray, and the rabbit, but not one named for a dog? How often do you see a cougar riding around inside a car? We dogs love a nice ride! I know every breed cannot have its own model, but it would be easy to rename the Chrysler Eagle the Chrysler Beagle!

Dear God, If a dog barks his head off in the forest and no human hears him, is he still a bad dog?

Dear God, Is it true that in Heaven, dining room tables have on-ramps?

Dear God, If we come back as humans, is that good or bad?

Dear God, More meatballs, less spaghetti, please.

Dear God, When we get to the Pearly Gates, do we have to shake hands to get in?

Dear God, We dogs can understand human verbal instructions, hand signals, whistles, horns, clickers, beepers, scent IDs, electromagnetic energy fields, and Frisbee flight paths. What do humans understand?

Dear God, Are there dogs on other planets or are we alone? I have been howling at the moon and stars for a long time, but all I ever hear back is the beagle across the street!

Dear God, Are there mailmen in Heaven? If there are, will I have to apologize?

Dear God, Is it true that dogs are not allowed in restaurants because we can't make up our minds what NOT to order? Or is it the carpet thing, again?

Dear God, May I have my testicles back?

Barbara Vaughn, Editor
Jack McLaughlin