



AIREDALE TERRIER CLUB
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Newsletter

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Airedales Galore at the Picnic and Airedale Fun Day!

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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.

President's Message

With this issue we welcome Jessica Rabin as our new ATCMW newsletter editor. As we do so, we also thank Jeanne Esmond for over a dozen years of being editor! Jeanne never had desktop publishing software but still always had the latest news and lots of pictures in an attractive format. Not an easy task using Microsoft Word!

Our club is going through a transition from being a conformation oriented club to one that focuses on activities that our companion dog owners will find interesting, fun and informative. In the last year we've had several very successful activities, including a barn hunt and an Airedale fun day, both well received and well attended. We still have members who show their dogs in conformation and they've done very well as seen on pages 4 and 5 of this issue.

Upcoming Events

December 5, 2015: Scottish Christmas Walk Parade in Old Town Alexandria. More info at www.campagnacenter.org/scottishwalkweekend/parade

February, 2016: Luncheon Meeting at Indigo Landing

April 22, 2016: ATCMW Specialty, Timonium, Maryland

Don't forget to check out our website at www.airedales.dc.org. And join us on Facebook by friending Airedale Terrier Club of Metropolitan Washington.

From the Editor



Having been an ATCMW member for the last eight years or so, I am excited to step into the role of newsletter editor. For those of you who don't know me by name, I'm the one on the other end of the leash from Willa (Coldstream Undaunted Willa CGC, RE). In addition to being the great love of my life, Willa is my Hearing Dog, in which capacity she alerts me to the everyday sounds that I need to know about in order to function safely and independently. Willa accompanies me everywhere, including my job as Professor of English and Director of the writing centers at Anne Arundel Community College.

While writing and editing are my day job, I'm looking forward to applying my skills to a topic that promises to be much more interesting than freshman composition: our versatile, funny, and beloved Airedales. I will have high standards to maintain, as Jeanne Esmond has done a wonderful job of putting together the newsletter for many years. I am also grateful to Corally Burmaster for providing a professional layout.

This issue is intended mainly as a photographic catch-up on some of the events our club has sponsored over the past year. It also includes the first installment of what I hope will be a regular

column—Ask the Trainer—in which an experienced trainer will address your questions about training (e.g., what's the best way to teach a retrieve?), management (e.g., how can I keep my dog from countersurfing?), and dealing with other people and dogs (e.g., what do I do when someone lets their out-of-control off-leash dog run up to mine and yells, "it's OK, he's friendly"?). In this issue, Ann Riley explains why experienced dog trainers discourage the use of flexi-leads.

Another regular section will be Airedale Accomplishments. I hope you'll share news of your dog's new titles, legs of titles, show placements, certifications, or other victories—large and small. In this issue, we celebrate Emma and Greg Darling's GCH Darling Lucy In The Sky With Diamonds and Ann Riley's Coldstream Joli Coeur.

It is important to me that the newsletter reflects the interests of our members. I hope you will contact me with ideas for features, questions for Ask the Trainer, and news of your dog's accomplishments. I can be reached at jgrabin@aacc.edu

GCH Darling Lucy In The Sky With Diamonds



"Lucy" winning the ATCA National Specialty in October 2014.

For those of us who show our dogs in conformation, the epitome of achievement is winning the *Airedale Terrier Club of America's National Specialty*, held each year at the Montgomery County Kennel Club the first weekend in October. Last year, members Greg and Emma Darling garnered that award with a bitch they bred themselves! "Lucy" has since won group placements and a Best in Show.

The ATCMW honored that achievement at our March meeting at Indigo Landing with a cake decorated with the official photo from the show.



We also congratulate **Ann Riley** and Coldstream Joli Coeur, aka Gibson, for winning *Best in Sweepstakes* at our own ATCMW Regional Specialty in April of this year.



Sweepstakes are held only at Specialties and are for puppies only, ages 6 to 18 months old.

New Members

Karen Curley is a breeder whose kennel name is ARILY (an acronym for Always Remember I Love You). She currently has 12 Airedales: Sophie (9 ½), Jagger & Miss Bailey(8), Willow (4 ½), Miss Frankie (3 ½), Atlas (3), Midas (3), Winston & Miss Aidan (18 mos), Daphne (14 mos), Linus (10 mos), and little Miss Maia (7 mos). Karen participates in conformation, and some of her puppy families are dabbling in performance sports.

Elaine LaMontagne and Airedale Abby, who is 7.

Mary Morningstar and Wilder Leavitt and Airedale Juno, who is 1 ½ . Juno was bred by April Clyde and has participated in canine good citizenship classes with Corally Burmaster.

Jackie and Wes Peebles and Airedale Coldstream Honorable Alfred Randolph, aka Alfie, who is 2 ½.

Debbi and Walter Todhunter and Airedale Trevor (Coldstream Mischief Managed—should have been Unmanaged), who is 6 months. Debbi has done rally, agility and obedience in the past with Corgis and hopes to do rally and obedience with Trevor.

Jeff and Karen Miller and their Airedale, Tucker, who is 2 years old

September 6, 2014 Minutes

General Membership Meeting:

At 11:30 PM, President Corally Burmaster called the meeting to order at Frying Pan Park. President Burmaster was pleased with the enthusiastic attendance at our first Barn Hunt experience and gave thanks to a number of people who graciously assisted with their time in organizing the event. Kudos were given to Jeanne Esmond, Pat & Deb Carroll, Bob & Nancy Noltan, Jessica Rabin, Jeff Miller, Pam McKusick, Chris & Diane Cullen, and Ginger Robinson.

Old Business:

1. The President provided the Treasurer's report for Deb Carroll.
2. The Recording Secretary, Ginger Robinson provided copies of the minutes from our last meeting in the latest edition of our Newsletter. These have been filed with President Burmaster and Secretary Esmond.

Committee Reports-

3. Pam McKusick, our Rescue Chair indicated that Sarah Slater would be adopting the latest rescue, "Henry". Naomi Totten's Estate provided a generous \$5,000 donation that is greatly appreciated.

4. Karl Broom requested stories, pictures and rescue details for our website: <http://www.airedales-dc.org/>
5. Our current officers were re-elected: President Corally Burmaster; VP Karl Broom, Treasurer Deb Carroll, Corresponding Secretary Jeanne Esmond, and Recording Secretary Ginger Robinson. Our Board of Directors: Pam McKusick, Russ Hammond, Jessica Rabin, and our newest addition, Susan Crawford.
6. New Members were elected and introduced: George & Silvia Silver; Jeff & Karen Miller, Julia Greninger; Elaine LaMontagne.
7. No other unfinished Business was reported.

New Business:

1. More details concerning The Scottish Walk and our Winter Meeting will be forthcoming.

At 11:45pm, a motion to adjourn was made by Karl Broom and it was seconded by Jeanne Esmond.

Attendees: President Burmaster; Vice President Karl Broom; Corresponding Secretary Jeanne Esmond, Recording Secretary Ginger Robinson; Board Members: Pam McKusick, Susan Crawford & Jessica Rabin. Jim Hession, Margie & Franklin Goodyear, Marie, Stephanie & Cindy Hammond, Bob & Nancy Nolton, Jeff & Karen Miller, Michael Crawford, Joyce Broom, Mike & Kathy Mercer, Bruce & Mary LeMaster, Diane & Chris Cullen, Cynthia Sosnowski, Abi Durham, Tim Conneally, Franklin & Margie Goodyear, Pat White, George & Silvia Silver, Julia Greninger, Elaine LaMontagne and Dr. Embry.

Board Meeting:

The new and greatly improved Membership Application was introduced. We have Nancy Nolton to thanks for its development.

The 2015 Schedule overview was discussed and we concluded that Airedale Square would not continue at Howard County.

Pam McKusick agreed to serve as our Rescue Chair and was quickly approved.

Susan Crawford will continue to Chair the Scottish Walk. Ginger Robinson & Jim Hession will see if a social gathering can be added to the day's event.

Marie Hammond filled-in for the ill Russ Hammond and said she would see if he would be able to continue his work on Specialty

Jessica Rabin will continue with ads but will be grooming a replacement

Karl Broom will continue to be our Webmaster

We need a member to be available on Friday for Trophies at our Specialty. A retiree or a person possibly in MD for convenience

Development of a "Welcome Package" for new members. What should be in it?

At 12:20, we adjourned for our luncheon followed by the BARN HUNT.

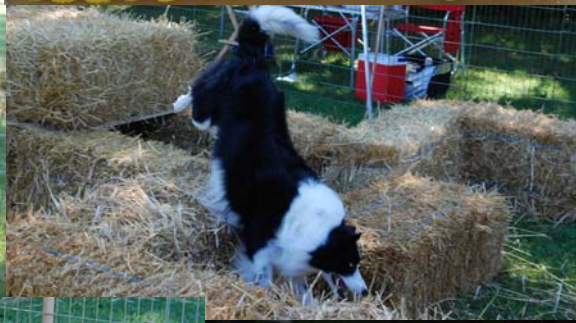
Respectfully filed by Ginger Robinson

Picnic and Barn Hunt, Frying Pan Farm Park, Herndon, VA September 6, 2014

Our Club's first Barn Hunt was a big hit! It was also a lot of work, made easier by lots of helping hands from members and non members alike.

The morning started with an explanation and demo by our judges of what was required for the dogs to pass the barn hunt test, followed by each of our dogs doing the Instinct Test. The Airedales enjoyed getting in touch with their instincts!

We held our meeting and had a wonderful picnic lunch before the non-Airedale entries began arriving for their run throughs!





March 21, 2015 Minutes

General Membership Meeting:

Our meeting was held at Indigo Landing Restaurant, Alexandria, VA. President Corally Burmaster was pleased that the third attempt for a meeting finally was successful. She thanked our Speakers: Dr. Elizabeth Embry and Dr. Jerry Hinn for their patience and flexibility. Drs. Embry and Hinn delivered an informative "Wellness Care" presentation and answered questions from the group. My Airedale Bailey thanks the doctors from Haymarket Animal Hospital for their excellent care and their generous goodie bags provided today.

At 1:52, President Burmaster thanked our presenters and called our meeting to order. She gave special recognition to Greg and Emma Darling for their bitch, "Lucy in the Sky of Diamonds" winning Best of Breed at Montgomery. Their feat was further highlighted with a special cake with their photo at the awards presentation. We all shared in toasting the Darlings' great accomplishment with a splendid piece of the cake provided by Pam McKusick.

1. The President provided the Treasurer's report for Deb Carroll.

2. Both President Burmaster and Recording Secretary, Ginger Robinson provided copies of the minutes from our last meeting at the Barn Hunt, dated September 6, 2015. These have been filed with President Burmaster and Secretary Esmond.

Committee Reports-

3. Pam McKusick, our Rescue Chair said that there were no dogs in rescue currently but might have an older male from a family death situation. Stay Tuned.

She also gave a wonderful tribute to Joey Fineran. Joey was a lifetime Airedale owner, breeder and savior to many homeless Airedales.

Pam thanked Franklin & Margie Goodyear for adopting, "Smithers" and the thanks was returned to Pam from the Goodyears for bringing Smithers into their family.

4. President Burmaster thanked all the volunteers that participated in our first Barn Hunt experience. Their efforts contributed to a highly successful day despite the hot temperature. The Club even received a Thank you note from the judge. The turnout was even over capacity. Jeanne Esmond inquired as to the final accounting on the event.

5. Ginger Robinson provided a brief re-cap of the Scottish Walk. Turnout was very low given the wet winter forecast. Several Welsh terriers joined our small number. Susan Crawford and I were the only Club member participates, but three other Airedale owners marched. One came from DC; another from Arlington and one from Richmond with a rescue. Susan suggested to me it would be advisable to have a banner available in Virginia.

6. There was no Airedale Square in 2014 due to low participation and will not continue in 2015.

7.No other unfinished Business was reported.

New Business:

1. The Columbia Terrier Association will host an all terrier show at the Maryland State Fairgrounds, Timonium, MD on Friday April 17, 2015. We will not host a hospitality table. Pam McKusick and Jeanne Esmond would appreciate a third volunteer to assist ringside. It might be the last year for obedience. The Columbia Terrier Association is not so keen on the event. Thanks were given to Jessica Rabin for coordinating ads for the catalogue. Several samples were passed around.

It looks like Russ Hammond will not be able to continue with Specialty. President Burmaster is temporally filling in but looking to mentor a new person. The Trophy is set this year.

2. Our new guests were introduced and welcomed. The Meyer Family: Ed, Jacqueline and Patty. Wes and Jackie Peebles; Mary Morningstar.
3. We voted new membership to Deb Todhunter, who has attended a number of events but was not in attendance today due to a schedule conflict.
4. 50/50 Ticket was drawn and Elaine LaMontagne was the winner. Door prizes were provided by Jeanne Esmond and Dr. Himm. Winners were Marie Hammond, Jacqueline Meyers, Mary Morningstar, Jackie Peebles and Margie Goodyear.
5. The new restaurant, Indigo Landing, seemed to be a crowd pleaser.

At 2:35, a motion to adjourn was made by Gregg Darling and was seconded by Jeanne Esmond.

Attendees: President Burmaster; Vice President Karl Broom; Corresponding Secretary Jeanne Esmond, Recording Secretary Ginger Robinson; Board Member: Pam McKusick.

Margie & Franklin Goodyear, Marie Hammond, Joyce & Karl Broom, Elaine LaMontagne, Gregg and Emma Darling, Karen Curley, Mary Morningstar, Wes & Jackie Peebles, Dr. Embry and Dr. Hinn.

Respectfully filed by Ginger Robinson

Ask The Trainer

by Ann Riley

Q: Why do trainers have such a strong objection to flexi-leads?

A: I'm going to admit my bias in the first sentence: I hate flexi-leads. When I teach dog training, I forbid them in my classes and counsel my students not to use them outside of class, especially if their dogs pull on the leash (and they all do). I loathe flexi-leads for two reasons that I will lay out in detail below. They are dangerous for dogs and people, and they train dogs to pull on the lead. They are banned in most training clubs and at dog shows, primarily because of the safety reasons, but most serious dog trainers hate them for the training reasons, too. I will also weigh in on the misuse of flexi leads in combination with training collars, no-pull harnesses, and halter-type collars. If my powers of persuasion are not sufficient to convince you to give up that



Ann Riley and Gibson

flexi, I will close with some suggestions on how to use it without training your dog to drag you behind him.

SAFETY

The day Jessica asked me to write this article I had just come back from walking my dogs with a couple of my neighbors. We meet in front of one of their houses and then walk up a dirt road to a large fenced enclosure where they can romp to their heart's content. We had 7 dogs between us. We are way out in the country and we usually let them run loose up the dirt road. As soon as I arrived at our appointed spot, I turned my two dogs loose to run with their pals who had arrived before us. I realized too late that one of my friends had her small female lab on a flexi-lead and my Airedale, Gibson, managed to tangle himself in the cord immediately. I freed him and put him on his 6 foot lead and said that I would just walk him that way until the other dog was loose too, but my friend shortened the flexi and locked it and told me to go ahead and release mine. I shouldn't have, but I did, and he went straight back for the same dog, his favorite playmate in the group. The lab immediately broke the line on the flexi-lead and romped off with Gibson. This solved my problem and the dogs were all delighted to romp together, but it illustrates beautifully two safety reasons for not using a flexi-lead. First, they can tangle

around the legs of other dogs and people and cause rope burns, serious falls, etc. They can also wind two dogs together who may decide they don't want to be pals and cause a fight. Second the lines break, especially if you have a big dog like an Airedale. Lastly, the plastic grip is difficult to hold onto if your dog bolts, especially if he has more than a couple of feet of line. Even a small dog can pull the handle out of his handler's hand. I know one woman whose Italian greyhound spooked at a skateboard on the sidewalk in Takoma Park. He bolted suddenly and pulled the grip out of her hand, and he was killed instantly by a passing car. She was devastated. You have a far more secure grip on a properly held leather or cotton web lead. Even if you don't hold the leash correctly, you have a better grip! In summary, flex-leads are not safe to use if you are walking with other dogs, people, or anywhere near traffic.

TRAINING

When I teach beginning dog training, really any pet dog training, the two most important things people want to teach their dogs are to walk on a loose lead and to come when called. Flexi-leads can be useful for teaching your dog to come, but they are the kiss of death if you want to teach your dog not to pull. They maintain constant pressure on the collar. Your dog learns that when he walks with you there will always be pressure on his collar. If he wants to go farther from you than he is, he just pulls a little harder. Sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn't because you can lock the leash. In short, he is randomly reinforced for pulling. This strengthens the behavior which means that when you lock the leash he pulls harder to get reinforced because this works for him sometimes.

Dogs also use the tension on the leash to give themselves information on your location. As long he feels pressure on the collar, he can keep doing whatever he is doing but he knows where you are. Some dogs will turn and look at their handlers if they slack the leash: "Oops, what happened to my person?" Flexi leads teach your dog that walking on a leash means pulling, and it gives him no responsibility to pay attention to you. You always let him know where you are.

This is the exact opposite of what most dog owners want! We would like our dogs to pay attention to where we are and where we go when we are attached to them. All of us want our dogs to keep the leash slack, to move when we move, and to stop when we stop. Even if the walk is all about the dog, you want your dog to be responsive to you, which really means responsive to the leash when he is on it. If I put as much pressure as a flexi lead on my dog's collar, I expect him to start moving in my direction or at least stop moving forward and look back. With a flexi, the pressure on the collar becomes a signal to start walking. You can't walk him on a flexi in the park and expect him to walk on a loose leash when you are in the city or take him to obedience class. He thinks the leash is supposed to be tight, and that is how he keeps tabs on you to boot. If you walk your dog on a flexi sometimes and then get mad at him when he drags you around on a fixed lead, he is probably really confused.

TRAINING COLLARS, ETC

The worst possible use of a flexi is to clip it onto a halter-type collar (a haltee or a gentle leader), a no-pull harness with a clip on the front, or a choke or prong collar. You are punishing the dog constantly. This will drive a sensitive dog nuts and a more stoic dog (most Airedales) learns to ignore the sensation which defeats the purpose of using any of these training/behavior management devices. If your dog runs out to the end of the flexi on one of these, he may injure his neck. Just walking normally with a flexi attached to a halter hurts your dog's neck. He needs to keep tensing the muscles on one side of his neck just to look straight ahead. Ouch! Flexi-lead should not even be in the same sentence with haltee, prong, collar, etc. Even if you think I am totally wrong on flexis, overall, please pay attention to this part. It is, at best, really unfair to use a flexi in combination with any of these tools.

If you are still wed to your flexi lead, here are a few suggestions for using it while avoiding at least some of the safety and training hazards. Get a tracking harness that has a clip on the back behind the dog's withers. You won't find it at a pet store but if you go to most of the on-line stores that specialize in training and grooming supplies, you will find them and they are not expensive. Walk your dog on a 6 foot leash and whatever collar you normally use and carry your flexi until you get to the park or wherever he will be safe from cars. Make him walk on a loose leash until you get there! Clip the flexi on the harness and unhook the leash from the regular collar (or haltee, harness, etc.). He can run around without pressure on the collar. This avoids the training problems although he can still tangle dogs and people, break the lead, and pull the handle out of your hands. (He will be able to pull harder like this, especially if you have been using a training collar!) But, I understand the desire to give dogs a little freedom. I live in downtown Baltimore half of the year, and outside of a fenced dog park that I have to drive to, my dog is always on a leash. One alternative to a flexi is a 15 or 20 foot cotton tracking line to go with your harness. It is bulkier and requires a little more handling but I find it easier to use, and I know that I can grab it anywhere and hang on to it. You still need to be wary of tangling legs but this type of lead does not cause the horrible rope burns that a thin flexi does.

Ann Riley lives part-time in Baltimore Maryland and part-time in La Minerve Québec. Trained for gainful white collar employment she fritters away her time painting and training dogs. She has taught dog training classes for Capital Dog Training Club in Silver Spring Maryland and the Takoma Park Recreation Center and gives private lessons. She trains her own dogs for obedience competitions and pet therapy. She has had an Airedale since she was 7 years old (back when phones were attached to walls and had rotary dials). The last one, Digby, earned a UD and performed once with the Baltimore Opera Company in 2007. She currently owns Gibson (Coldstream Joli Coeur) who is in training and Rosie (12) the Sealyham who retired with a CDX when she lost her vision.

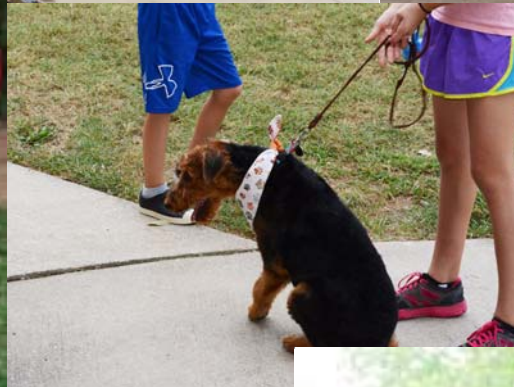
Picnic and Airedale Fair, Frying Pan Farm Park, Herndon, VA September 5, 2015

Once again our Fall get together was a huge success! The event was attended by over 40 adults, a bunch of children and too many Airedales to get into a single picture frame. Jeanne Esmond demonstrated scent work and then provided an opportunity for everyone to try it with their own dogs.

Deb Carroll and Deb Todhunter laid out a Rally Obedience course, and everyone tried their hand at each of the signs.

Corally Burmaster gave a demonstration of what weekly Airedale grooming should be, and showed how to use a Dremel to grind nails down rather than clipping them. (See page 22 for nail care info.) Most terriers have very hard nails so they can dig more efficiently, and they can be too hard to clip easily. Deb Carroll also discussed the use of essential oils and Bach Flower Remedies to help calm dogs and relieve anxiety during the grooming process.









September 5, 2015 Minutes

General Membership Meeting:

At 11:30 AM, President Corally Burmaster called the meeting to order at Frying Pan Park, Herndon, VA. President Burmaster welcomed the large gathering and stated that membership is available with attending two meetings and sponsorship by a current member. The meeting today qualifies as one.

Pam McKusick pointed out the wonderful basket full of dog items as the Raffle Prize. Tickets were for sale and proceeds would go to Rescue. Also, Deb Todhunter made dog themed bandanas and pot holders. Proceeds will go to benefit our rescue efforts. Basket was donated by Corally Burmaster and won by Elaine LaMontagne.

President Burmaster accepted the minutes from our meeting. These were posted on our Information Board and additional copies available with Recording Secretary Ginger Robinson.

Club Treasurer, Deborah Carroll stated that all expenses were covered with ads and activities.

Committee Reports:

Pam McKusick said that it had been a busy summer with 4 dogs coming into rescue from a variety of issues. One proved to be a challenge with neurological issues that may be a result of a birth injury or a toxic substance.

President Burmaster stated that the Nominating committee had formed a ballot in May and that the current officers agreed to continue. The Club voted to accept the ballot. Returning: President Burmaster; Vice-President Broom; Corresponding Secretary Esmond; Recording Secretary Robinson and Treasurer Carroll. Plus Board Members: Pam McKusick, Jessica Rabin, Susan Crawford and Marie Hammond.

New Members were elected: The Club welcomes Jackie & Wesley Peebles, with Alfie their Airedale; Wilder Leavitt and Mary Morningstar, and Juno, their Airedale and Karen Curley, an Airedale breeder from Ft. Union, VA.

New Business:

The Scottish Christmas Walk Parade. December 5, 2015. Old Town Alexandria. Susan Crawford will be sending out additional information.

www.campagnacenter.org/scottishwalkweekend/parade

Board Director, Jessica Rabin will be our Newsletter Coordinator. Please send photos and articles to jgrabin@aacc.edu.

President Burmaster asked for a volunteer to be our Social Media Guru. We need to utilize Facebook, Twitter, etc. to broaden our membership.

Jeanne Esmond mentioned the National website for the Recue Quilt raffle.

<http://airedalequiltingbee.blogspot.com/>

Attendees: President Burmaster; Corresponding Secretary Jeanne Esmond, Recording Secretary Ginger Robinson; Treasurer; Deborah Carroll, Board Members: Pam McKusick, Jessica Rabin, Susan Crawford & Marie Hammond. Nick Gigineishuili & Khatia Meladze with family; Franklin & Margie Goodyear; Tarry Faries; Elaine LaMontagne; Jeff and Karen Miller; Walter and Deb Todhunter; Jackie and Wesley Peebles; Wilder Leavitt & Mary Morningstar; Ann and Mark Kington; Kathy Pickard; Mark & Ann Mallus with family; Libby Malone; Chuck & Patrice Kunce; Craig Savageau; Bruce and Mary LeMaster; Lynn Armstrong; Alithea Price-Pearlstein; Doug Schultz; Joshua & Melissa Brewer; Frank Page; Karen Curley.

Board Meeting:

At 9:18 AM, President Corally Burmaster called the Board Meeting to order at Frying Pan Park, Herndon, VA. President Burmaster stated the the purpose of our meeting is to plan the activities for the upcoming year and see who would be in charge of eaach event. Our by-laws indicate we are to have four memberhips meetins a year, each of which needs a venue and a program.

December 5, 2015, Scottish Christmas Walk Parade in Old Town Alexandria. Susan Crawford will chair the activity. www.campagnacenter.org/scottishwalkweekend/parade

April 22, 2016, Specialty Show. Specialty Chair: Corally Burmaster; Ads: Jeanne Esmond and Trophies: Deb Todhunter. Corally will assist Deb in learning the responsibilities.

February 2016, Luncheon Meeting at Indigo Landing in Alexandria, VA. Jeanne Esmond will ask Drs. Hinn and Embry to speak. Location, view, food, parking and the program last year were well received.

May 2016, Board Meeting will be a Conference Call to appoint a nominating committee for Club Officers.

July 2016, Luncheon Meeting at Bertucci's in Maryland. Pam McKusick will make the reservation. Jeanne might have a Quilt for a Silent Auction to raise funds for Rescue.

September 2016, Jeanne Esmond will reserve the pavilion at Frying Pan Park. Ginger Robinson will be the Food Coordinator.

President Burmaster indicated that the National Airedale Rescue committee will not give ATCMW any funds since we have members to turn to for help. We need to have our own activities to help fund our rescue program.

Board Director, Jessica Rabin will be our Newsletter Coordinator.

At the General Club Meeting, President Burmaster will ask for a volunteer to be our Social Media Guru.

Deborah Carroll suggested the club should add dog name and age to the Membership Directory.

Corally Burmaster shared the AKC Compliance Form to show the Officers and Board Members that each Club holding a Specialty must also have at least TWO other activities during the year. A CGC test could be one as well as another educational activity.

Attendees: President Burmaster; Corresponding Secretary Jeanne Esmond, Recording Secretary Ginger Robinson; Treasurer; Deborah Carroll, Board Members: Pam McKusick and Jessica Rabin.

Respectfully filed by Ginger Robinson



The Importance of Trimming Your Dog's Nails

Some dogs hate nail trimming, others merely tolerate it, almost none like it. Some dogs need tranquilizers to make it through the process without biting, while others sleep through the procedure without a care. No matter what your dog's personal take is on nail clipping, it is something you should do for your dog regularly to keep from harming their skeletal structure.

A dog's nails are important parts of their anatomy. Unlike cats, dog claws are not weapons, but are used when he runs to grip the ground when accelerating and turning corners. Outdoor dogs run around enough over different surfaces and wear their own nails down. But our house-bound companions don't get that natural wear from carpet, hardwood, or vinyl flooring.



Left: proper alignment with short toenail. Right: angled alignment because of long toenail. Image provided by Dr. Lisa Huxlow

Having long nails changes the way a dog carries himself. The diagram below shows how a long nail causes the bones in the foot to flatten and the Metacarpal, Phalanx I and Phalanx II bones to sit more angled every time the dog walks or stands. The different angle of the bones when pressure is applied causes joint stress and can lead to joint pain and arthritis. It also leads to dropped wrists which make the dog look flat footed. Women reading this article can probably relate if they think about wearing high heels all the time. Long toe nails essentially do the same to dogs by changing the natural alignment of leg

bones which adds torque or twisting to the joints. Personally, high heeled shoes wreak havoc on my knees and I suffer from knee joint pain for days after wearing them. I can't imagine the pain a dog goes through whose owner never trims his nails or doesn't trim nails often enough.

Changing the natural alignment also makes the dog less steady on his feet and can contribute to an increased probability of broken legs. If the dog's joints are out of whack, he can't catch himself from falling or landing as well. Again, if you compare how steady you ladies are in sneakers compared to high heels you can relate to how a dog with long nails might feel all the time.

The image shows how the bones of the paw and wrist angle back when a dog has long nails, but the damage doesn't stop there. All the bones in a dog's body are connected and the leg bones connect all the way up to the spine. Some of you might relate to how an injury on one part of our body can cause us to carry ourselves differently and create pain in another part of our body. Unfortunately, our dogs can't tell us when they have a headache or shoulder ache and many times we miss the slight signals that they are in pain. Since dogs can't trim their own nails, it's up to us to make sure this dog maintenance is performed before the pain sets in.



Where to cut a dog's toe nail.