



AIREDALE TERRIER CLUB  
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*Newsletter*

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Coldstream Make My Day, JH, SHFur JHF, owned and handled by Chris Halvorson, winning the Joan Shea Gordon award at the 2017 Hunting Working Airedaels Nationals.

### Club Officers

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

### Directors

Pam McKusick  
Jeff Miller  
Wilder Leavitt  
Jackie Peebles

### Committee Chairs/Coordinators

Airedale Rescue	Pamela McKusick
Breeder Referral	Pamela McKusick
Newsletter	Jessica Rabin
Scottish Parade	Wilder Leavitt
Specialty Ads	Jessica Rabin
Specialty Show	Corally Buraster
Trophies	Deb Todhunter
Website	Karl Broom

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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

### Corally Burmaster

Lots of variety in Airedale activities in the last month! The ATCMW picnic at Frying Pan Park on September 2 was well attended, despite the steady drizzle. 20 plus members and guests and their Airedales enjoyed showing off their tricks, a tasty lunch and a presentation by animal communicator, Diane Roadcap. Diane spoke to the group about what she does and how she does it and then called up Melissa Tyson and "Barrow" to demonstrate. Her presentation was followed by private sessions with some of our members.

Later in September the Hunting Working Airedale Nationals were held in Chillicothe, OH with a number of our ATCMW members attending. Because most of our Airedales live out their lives as companions in our homes, we forget that hunting is the job they were bred to do. This weekend is a great showcase for the Airedale's versatility as a hunter. To learn more about Airedales and hunting you can go to <http://huntingworkingairedales.com/>

## From the Editor....Jessica Rabin

Hope everyone enjoyed the summer. Our May and September picnics were well attended, suggesting that the ATCMW is successfully evolving in accordance with our current members' interests, as Karl Broom's article explains. This issue also includes information about estate planning with your dogs in mind, as well as a celebration of Airedale Accomplishments.

It is never too early to start thinking about submissions for the next newsletter. You can send in your articles, announcements, or photos at any time. If you have an idea for an article but don't wish to do the writing yourself, I'm happy to help you put your thoughts on paper. Hope you and your Airedale(s) have a great fall!



Jessica and Willa in an Adirondack chair in the Adirondacks.

## Spotlight on Rescue

There are currently no dogs in rescue, but there will be more to come.

Contributions to Airedale Rescue are tax deductible. Your contributions help pay for vet care, housing and food for rescued dogs. You can also volunteer by fostering, walking dogs, grooming etc. Please contact Pam McKusick at [McKusick@verizon.net](mailto:McKusick@verizon.net) to donate or volunteer!



## In Memory of Sammy Pam McKusick

Sadly, Eleanor Taylor's Sammy — who, since Eleanor's passing, was lovingly cared for by Patty and Richard — crossed the Rainbow Bridge on September 14, 2017. Eleanor was a Charter Member of the ATCMW and shared her life with many well-bred Airedales. She referred to them as the "Boys of 402 N. Beechwood." When Eleanor died on May 6, 2014, she left a bequest to ATCMW's Airedale Rescue and Adoption Service to provide whatever Sammy needed for the remainder of his life.

Sammy had come into Rescue the weekend of July 4, 2009 (thus the name Sammy for Uncle Sam) He had been found alone at the docks on an inlet from the northern tip of the Chesapeake Bay. He was healthy and chubby and seemed to have been well-cared-for, but had no identification and no one claimed him. Later that month, Eleanor asked me about the possibility of adopting a companion from Rescue — her well-bred, Champion Airedales had passed away — and she missed their company. Thus, Sammy became Sammy Taylor and enjoyed a wonderful life as a star in his new home. She often told me that she had never had such a well-behaved Airedale. She said, "It must be because I didn't train him!"



Following Eleanor's passing, he was placed with a loving family and enjoyed a great life with them. He enjoyed walks in the woods, vacations to the farm and the freedom to run through the fields, large family gatherings, beds to choose from all over the house, and canine and human companionship. He was a gentle soul who loved everyone, and was dearly loved by everyone, and will be greatly missed. Undoubtedly, Eleanor and the "Boys of 402 N. Beechwood" were there to meet him when he crossed the Bridge and to welcome him "home." Rest well, Sweet Sammy.

# Setting Up a Trust for your Pet by Jessica Rabin

Most of us get dogs with the expectation that we will outlive them. We probably will. But what if we don't? Making plans for the continued care of our dogs if we should die or become incapacitated is part of what we have to do as responsible dog owners.

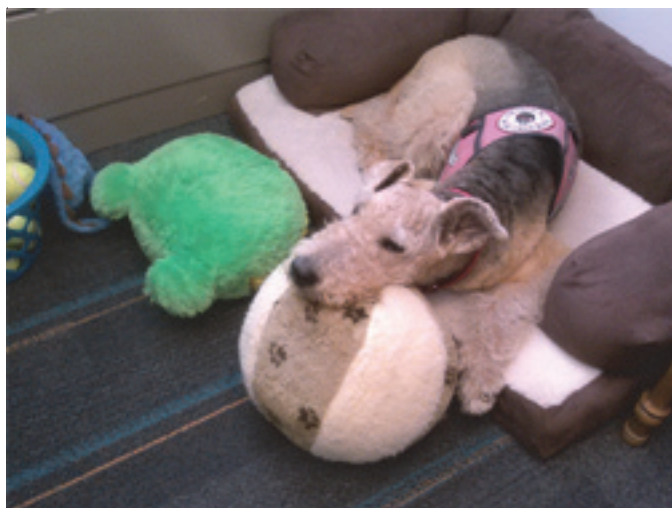
Over the last 10 years, it has gotten easier to put a legal plan in place. As of January 2017, all 50 states and the District of Columbia have pet trust laws on the books (Minnesota was the final state to come on board, in 2016). These provisions allow us to create a trust for our dogs, designate a caretaker (an individual or an organization), and specify exactly what kind of care we want our dogs to receive. Michigan State University's Animal Legal and Historical Center provides a comprehensive state-by-state summary of laws pertaining to pet trusts: <https://www.animallaw.info/content/map-states-companion-animal-pet-trust-laws>. The ASPCA also offers some helpful suggestions and considerations: <https://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/pet-planning/pet-trust-primer>.

Not only is it critical to establish who will care for our dog, but we must insure that we leave money for the dog's immediate and continued care. What if your dog is in immediate need of grooming, teeth cleaning, or a vet visit? Does your dog require prescription medication, special food, or flea/tick/heartworm preventative? These expenses add up. Most of us want to know that our dog will be maintained in the lifestyle to which he or she has become accustomed. That means designating money for upkeep. If you create a trust, it is also possible to identify a recipient for any excess funds, such as a breed club or rescue organization.

Setting up a trust will not be necessary for every situation. For some of us, a less formal arrangement will be sufficient, for example, a notarized letter kept with our will. Even a discussion with your family, breeder, and prospective caretaker is a step in the right direction.

As with a living will, informing those who will be called upon to make decisions in your absence is just as important as having a legal document or informal agreement in place. If you signed a contract saying that your Airedale goes back to the breeder if you can't keep him or her, does your emergency contact know about the agreement? Does he or she know how to reach your breeder? If you want your dog to go to someone else, have you worked that out with your breeder? The time to have these conversations and insure that the lines of communication have been established is before we need them.

Not everyone needs a formal legal document, but everyone needs a plan. We owe it to our Airedales.



If anything happens to Jessica, Willa must be assured a lifetime supply of Big Balls

## Recent Events

### Airedale Terrier Club of Metropolitan Washington Picnic Meeting at Cabin John Park, Rockville, MD (ATCMW) Minutes of June 24, 2017

At 10:40AM, Board Member and Picnic organizer, Wilder Leavitt, welcomed the assembled Airedale enthusiasts. He pointed out various park features, including the fenced Off-Leash Dog area for later fun with our dogs. He asked us to introduce ourselves, and provide how long we've been associated with Airedales and our typical dog diet regimen. We are fortunate to have Club President, Corally Burmaster, with 50 years of Airedale experience and 40 years as a breeder.

Wilder detailed the day's agenda: Discussion on Nutrition; LUNCH; then a member demo showing off tricks & agility, and lastly optional play time in the Dog Park. The provided handout is attached to the Minutes for reference. Overall, dog nutrition has come full circle and has evolved to be similar to what's best for people - food that's simply less processed and limited on wheat & grains. Given a show of hands, about half the attendees feed raw. Honest Kitchen, Darwin's and Chew Dat Food were providers that were mentioned.

At 11:20am, President Corally Burmaster called the meeting to order. She thanked Lunch organizer, Mary Morningstar, and program coordinator, Wilder Leavitt, for their efforts. With a strong turnout of 35, we enjoyed a perfect summer day, along with the company of our four legged kids. Two three-month-old puppies were reminders of how the smallest awaken your inner-child and heart.

#### Old Business:

1. President Burmaster said it had been years since the Club had an increase in dues and that the increase would be most useful. We passed the increase. Associate Membership: 1- \$17; 2-\$34. Individual Membership: \$20. Household Membership: \$30.
2. The Recording Secretary, Ginger Robinson, said last minutes were published in the recent Newsletter. We all thanked Jessica Rabin for her work on the great Newsletter.
3. Treasurer Esmond did not have a current balance.

#### Committee Reports-

1. Pam McKusick, our Rescue Chair, reported there were no dogs in rescue currently. President Burmaster reported that the Club now has a treasure of donations from the Estate of Mal Graham that will be sold for Rescue.
2. Frying Pan Park Meeting & Picnic will be September 2, 2017.
3. Nominating Committee (Ginger Robinson, Margie Goodyear and Deb Todhunter) reported that Mary Morningstar (VP); Elaine LaMontagne (Recording Sec) and Jackie Peebles (Board) will be **new** candidates this fall. Additionally, Corally Burmaster (President); Jeanne Esmond (Treasurer); Ginger Robinson (Corresponding Secretary); Board Members, Pam McKusick, Wilder Leavitt, and Jeff Miller, complete the slate of Club candidates.
4. No other unfinished Business was reported.



### New Business

1. Raffle tickets were sold with the proceeds going to rescue. Michele Gavin won the Dog's Toy-Filled Play Basket arranged by President Burmaster; items were kindly donated by the Estate of Malcolm and Joyce Grahm.
2. Overall, feedback was positive for returning to Cabin John Park, despite a bit of confusion with which turn to take into the park.

At 12:15 PM, a motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Attendees: President Burmaster; Treasurer Jeanne Esmond; Secretary Ginger Robinson; Board Members: Pam McKusick, Mary Morningstar and Wilder Leavitt. Carmela Conroy, Liz Bernard, Margarita Revzin, Alan Revzin, Beth Miller, Carl Miller, Mark Mallus, Alexander Mallus, Marcella Donahue, Nancy Jorden, David Ferris, Laurie Alexander, Louise & Mark Mendelson, Joshua Brewer, Linda Dart, Jackie Peebles, Ann Cosgrove, Michelle & Don Gavin, the Gigineishvili Family, Walt Todhunter, Marty & Paul Figley, Kelly King, Nancy & Olivia Nykamp, Cathy Scheiman, Khatia Melodze.  
Respectfully filed by Ginger Robinson, 8/7/2017

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### Airedale Terrier Club of Metropolitan Washington Picnic Meeting at Frying Pan Park, Herndon, Virginia (ATCMW) Minutes of September 2, 2017

At 11:00AM, Corally Burmaster welcomed the Airedale enthusiasts and dogs and detailed the day's agenda: Airedale "Meet and Greet"; club meeting with election of officers; LUNCH; and the guest speaker, Diane Roadcap, animal communicator. Diane Roadcap's presentation would be followed by private sessions with club members and their dogs.

At 11:15AM, President Corally Burmaster announced the "Meet and Greet" social time and contest. The owners and their dogs showed off their tricks and behaviors for prizes. The contestants included Jeanne Esmond with Indie, Frank Page with Jack, Jackie Peebles with Alfie, and Karen Miller with Tucker. The 1<sup>st</sup> place winner was Jeanne Esmond's Indie who completed eight tricks including sit, shake, spin, go around, paws up, crawl, down, and stand. All contestants were awarded prizes.

At 11:30AM, President Corally Burmaster called the business meeting to order. She reminded those present about the raffle tickets for the Rescue basket and the limited raffle for the hand-painted box. She indicated that the Specialty Show was a huge success with triple the number of dogs as in the past. Treasurers Report:

1. Jeanne Esmond, Treasurer, reported our current balance
2. The Treasurer has the financial reports available for review.

### Election of Officers:

Corally Burmaster announced that the nominating committee comprised of Ginger Robinson, Margie Goodyear and Deb Todhunter selected the following slate of Officers and Board Members for next year.

President	Corally Burmaster
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Treasurer	Jeanne Esmond
Board Members	

Pam McKusick  
Jeff Miller  
Wilder Leavitt  
Jackie Peebles

The new slate was voted in by the members.

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. Nancy Jordan won the Dog's Toy-Filled Play Basket arranged by President Burmaster; items were donated by the Estate of Malcolm and Joyce Graham.

At 12:45 PM, the Animal Communication Presentation began:

Diane Roadcap presented her animal communication talk. She began with a "thank you" to everyone in the group for everything they do for animals. Diane recognized that she had a spiritual connection with animals at the age of five. She explained that she senses, sees, and knows how to communicate to animals and with people on the other side. She left a corporate position to serve animals and communicate on their behalf. She has provided consultations to animal lovers throughout the world.

Her description of how she communicates with animals is by introducing herself and conducting a mind-to-mind communication. She said, "Animals care that someone is listening." She asks the animals questions, e.g., are there other animals in the house; does your leg hurt? Once she gets the answers, she translates messages from the



Diane Roadcap gives Melissa Tyson a reading on Barrow.



animals. She indicated that you need to build the trust of the animal before communicating.

Diane demonstrated a consultation session with one of the club members and her five-month-old puppy with the owner's questions such as "Is my dog happy?" This was answered with a "yes." Also, "does she like the dogs in the neighborhood?" This answer was, "no, not really."

The presentation was followed by private sessions with dog owners and their dogs. Attendees: President Burmaster; Treasurer Jeanne Esmond, Karen Miller, Jeff Miller, Nancy Jordan, David Ferris, Debo West, Nancy Nykamp, Olivia Nykamp, Jackie Peebles, Melissa Tyson, Joshua Brewer, Frank Page, David Taylor, Catherine Scheiman, Ann Cosgrove, Marie Hammond, Margie Goodyear, Franklin Goodyear, Abby Jacobs, Russell Jacobs, Ann Kington, Mark Kington, Elaine LaMontagne

Respectfully filed by Elaine LaMontagne, 9/2/2017

In addition to being the picnic's featured speaker, Diane Roadcap offered private sessions with interested club members and their dogs. Here is what the participants had to say about the experience:

Mark and Ann Kington reported, "the Communicator told us that Boone knew that he was good looking, and that he was happy. I think that I'm in the wrong business."

Nancy Nykamp reflected, "It's well proven animals' have an incredible ability for empathy, as well as detecting and communicating things that are about to happen. I am always amazed by service dogs who provide advance notice of seizures.

Equally impressive was Diane's ability to connect with our Airedale puppy. Not only did she give feedback on his wellbeing, she also provided insight into the dynamics and details of our other 3 dogs, and our first rescue Airedale who died over a decade ago. She was spot on with the details of how they came to our family, health issues, and personalities.

Beyond her connection with our dogs, she also drew from my parents, Joanne and Hugo who were active in Airedales for decades, relaying their encouragement to Olivia to pursue her passion for Airedales and animals."

Jeanne Esmond shared, "Diane Roadcap held her hands away from Indie and passed them along her body. She asked me if I knew that she had a sore hip. (Indie did.



Jeanne Esmond and Indy with Diane Roadcap.

She plays too rough and hurts herself.) Then she told me that Indie told her I had a sore knee (which I do). I asked her if Indie liked going to training and competitions, and she said Indie told her no, she didn't but she did it to make me happy. That's actually what I thought. Indie would rather play and chase a ball than work! She told me things that she could not have known. Wow, I'm a believer."

Elaine LaMontagne, Ann Kington with Boone and Jackie Peebles with Alfie enjoy lunch.



Margie Goodyear and Marie Hammond

## Upcoming Events

Scottish Walk: Alexandria, VA, December 2, 2017

So, You Want Me to Parade My Airedale in Alexandria?  
By Wilder J. Leavitt

Right. No tricks. No conformation grooming and prancing. No tests to take or agility beams to balance. Just you, your beloved Airedale, a bunch of other Airedale lovers and lovers of United Kingdom-origin dog breeds, and streets full of onlookers who cheer upon your arrival. Just a walk in the park.

The 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend & Parade will be held this year on December 1-2, 2017 in Old Town, Alexandria, Virginia. This year's parade will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, December 2, 2017. For years, members of the 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?" Yes, I say. 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. 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 clearly dropped by earlier revelers. You and your dog 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."

## The ATCMW Evolves

Karl Broom

When the Airedale Terrier Club of Metropolitan Washington, D. C. was founded about 60 years ago, most of its members were focused on showing their 'dales in conformation. When we joined about 25 years ago, we wanted to learn as much as we could about training, behavior, grooming, nutrition, etc. We were not interested in showing. A few of the longtime members thought we were a bit strange, but others welcomed us because we were fans of the breed.

Over the last 10 or 20 years, membership declined, almost certainly because the club remained focused on showing, but increasingly the interest of many did not. During the last half dozen years, club activities began to evolve. People seemed to enjoy our annual picnic, so a second was added. Events with our Airedales - most of which are companion dogs rather than show dogs - attracted more people. At the picnics, we might have a presentation on grooming, an informal agility course, or a demonstration of training for tricks. At a May fun day and picnic, about 40 people and nearly 20 Airedales participated.

Other club gatherings are usually a luncheon with a program. It has become a tradition to have a couple of our veterinarians present a program on recent advances in veterinary care. Q&A provides an opportunity to get a different perspective on health issues than we might get from our own vet. Other programs might cover training, assistance or service dogs, and search and rescue dogs - all topics of general interest. We have reached out to new Airedale owners - regardless of the activities that might interest them - to invite them to participate and many do.

The result has been the addition of more than 15 new members to about 53 today. The evolution of club has clearly been beneficial. Despite changes, one constant throughout the decades has been interest and support of rescue and adoption of Airedales that need a new home.



Nevertheless, we haven't ignored conformation. Dianna Fielder, the first Airedale Specialty judge approved by the AKC under the Parent Club Membership Judges Program, judged our Specialty this spring. The entry of nearly 30 Airedales, compared to only 5 or 6 in recent years, is evidence the owners shared our view that a judge experienced as a breeder, owner, and handler of champions provides a unique understanding of the breed standard and the breed type. Many of our members and others showed up as rail-birds to watch the proceedings. It was a treat to see so many beautiful Airedales strut their stuff.

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## Airedale Accomplishments

ATCMW member Nancy Nykamp and her daughter Olivia Garner are pleased to announce their Airedale, Bailey (CH Joval Opportunity Knocks) is a Champion. Nancy showed Bailey to her championship this summer at the Upper Marlboro Kennel Club Show in West Friendship, Maryland. This was a meaningful accomplishment, since along the way Bailey had several Sweepstakes and Major wins at Specialty Club shows in which Nancy's parents were founding members.



Best In Sweepstakes & Best Junior in Sweepstakes, Airedale Terrier Club of Greater Philadelphia Specialty Show, Bucks County Kennel Club Show (Judge Phil Weinberger)

ATCMW congratulates Ann Riley and Gibson (Coldstream Joli Coeur CD, RN) on earning their Canadian Novice Obedience title with two first places and one second, as well as a first on a bonus leg!

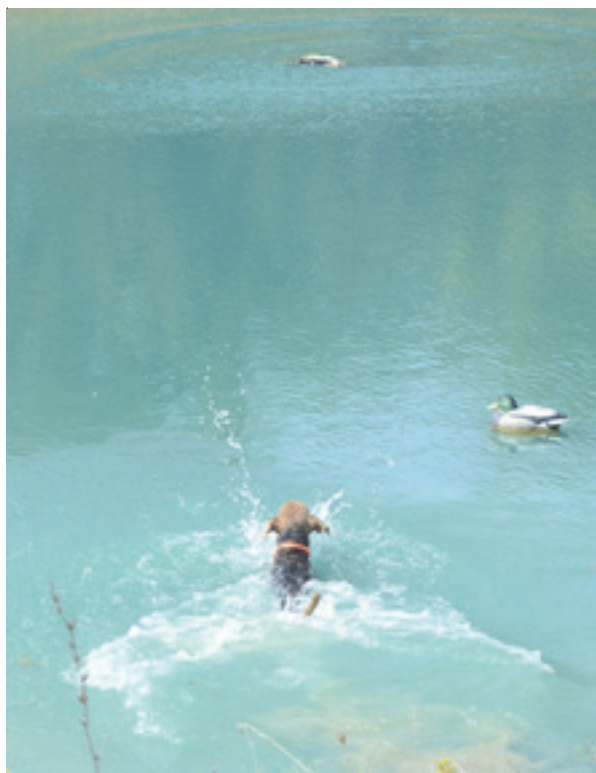


Congratulations to Chris Halvorson and Mikey (Coldstream Make My Day) for winning the Joan Shea Gordon Memorial Award at the 2017 Hunting Working Airedale Nationals. This trophy is awarded to the dog who passes all three hunting tests (Upland, Retrieving and Fur) at one Hunting Working Nationals. So difficult is this trophy to win, it has been awarded only once before in the last 14 years.

Mike doing his Upland Bird Retrieve with a Chucker.







Mike's entry into the water and a straight line out to the duck, and a straight line back to retrieve it to Chris Halvorson.



Chuckers don't always arrange themselves for a good line of sight back to the handler!



Mike tracked the raccoon and barked "treed!" to complete the third test.





ATCMW member Deb Todhunter handles Trevor (Coldstream Mischief Managed) for his turn at the Barkathon at the 2017 Hunting Working Nationals.



Deb Todhunter's new puppy Oliver (Coldstream Perfect Patronus) attempts his first duck retrieve at just 12 weeks of age.



Willa and friend at the top of the Mt. Arab firetower.



Mike Riley with Delilah (left) and Ann Riley's Gibson (right). Lac Chapleau, La Minerve, Québec



Michelle Gavin's Bella and her two furry friends! From a broken leg in Airedale Rescue to a lovely life in sunny Florida. It doesn't get much better than that!