



AIREDALE TERRIER CLUB
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Hugo Garner winning Best in Sweepstakes at the ATCMW Specialty
under Judge Colleen Butterfield, April 19, 2019.

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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.

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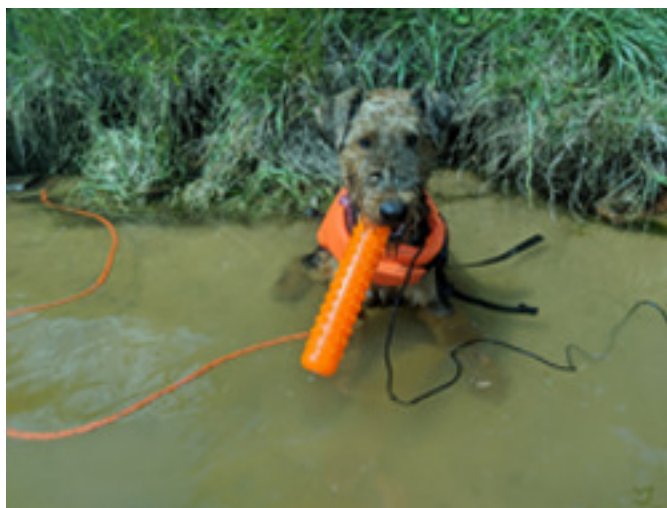
From the Editor

By Jessica Rabin

It was a great spring to be an ATCMW member (and his or her Airedale!). We had two successful events, the Specialty at the Columbia Terrier Show in April and the picnic at Cabin John Regional Park in June. Caleb and I enjoyed attending both, each of which provided important socialization opportunities as Caleb progresses in his training as a Service Dog.

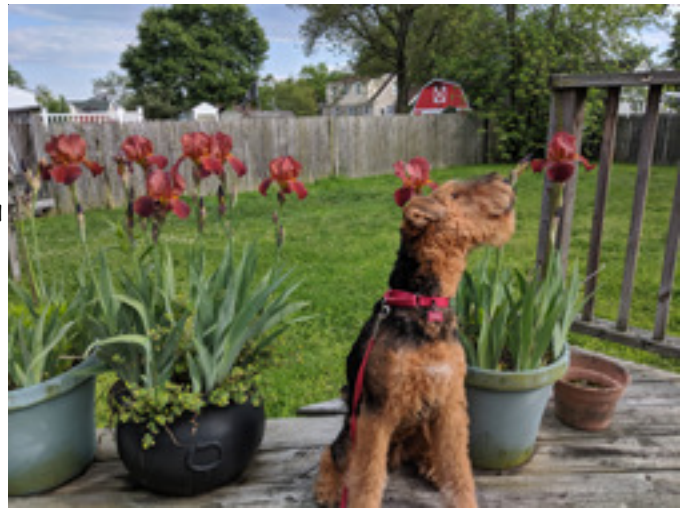
In addition to photos and summaries of our recent events, this newsletter issue includes information about an upcoming event, a dog-themed tour for ATCMW members and their dogs at Historic Congressional Cemetery, as well as a guide for building homemade agility equipment to keep your Airedale entertained. We also get an update on Annie, the Rescue Airedale featured in the last newsletter.

It is never too early to start thinking about submissions for the next newsletter. You can send in your articles, announcements, training questions, or photos at any time (text to Jessica at jgrabin@aacc.edu



Caleb's swimming practice with his bumper!

and photos to Corally at clickertrain@verizon.net). If you have any 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) keep cool and comfortable this summer!



Taking time to smell the flowers.

From the President

by Corally Burmaster

Every year, at our September meeting, the President stands before you and asks the membership to vote for the next year's Officers. Everyone, of course, votes "aye," but I thought you might like to know how we get to that point!

Our Constitution and By-Laws, available on the ATCMW website (Airedales-dc.org) state:

Article IV

SECTION 1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS. The Board shall be comprised of the President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and four other persons (Directors), all of whom shall be individual or household members in good standing, who are residents of the United States. The two secretary positions may at the discretion of the nominating committee be combined. In such case an additional Director shall be nominated. They shall be elected for one-year terms at the Club's Annual Meeting as provided in Article V, and shall serve until their successors are elected. General management of the Club's affairs shall be entrusted to the Board of Directors.

Article V

SECTION 4. NOMINATIONS. No person may be a candidate in a Club Election who has not been nominated. During the month of May, the Board shall select a Nominating Committee consisting of three members and two alternates, not more than one of whom shall be a member of the Board. The Corresponding Secretary shall immediately notify the committee members and alternates of their selection. The Board shall name a Chairman for the Committee and it shall be his duty to call a Committee Meeting which shall be held on or before June 13th.

- (a) The Committee shall nominate one candidate for each office and five candidates for the five other positions on the Board, and, after securing the consent of each person so nominated, shall immediately report their nomination to the Corresponding Secretary in writing.

This year the Board appointed a Nominating Committee comprised of Deb Todhunter, Chair, and members Debo West and Mary Morningstar. A poll of the current Board determined that all members were willing to serve another term, so the nominating committee assembled the following slate for 2020, to be voted on at our August 31st meeting at Frying Pan Park.

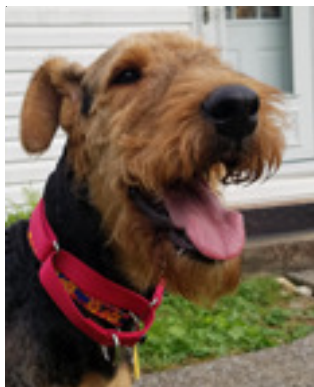
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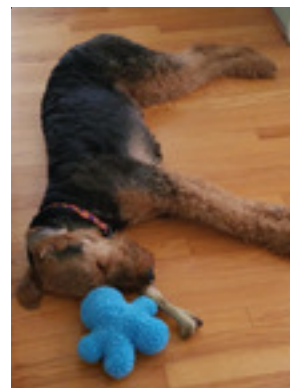
Rescue Update

Annie, who was featured in our spring newsletter, has been adopted and is doing well in her new home.



Sarah Slater, who adopted Annie, writes: *We can't thank Pam enough for inviting Annie to our home and for sharing her endless love and kindness with her. Pam is an absolute angel! Annie's angel to be sure. Annie is the most beautiful Airedale we have ever seen, both inside and out! Given her beginnings, it is no surprise that she is timid about the world, but in the three short weeks that we have been together, her confidence is growing and her Airedaleism is blossoming! She owns two mostly shaded acres and has quickly assumed her patrol duties, chasing robins out of the bird bath*

and taking in the smells of the country aire. Annie loves her morning and evening walks and playing ball throughout the day. Since she missed out on fully living life for her first two years, it is a joy to experience puppyhood with her. You should see her bounce into our arms from across the yard, tail high and a huge, happy smile on her face! In addition to being totally sweet and full of kisses, Annie is beginning to show typical Airedale orneriness, intelligence, and devotion, and how wonderful it is to experience! Thank you, Airedale Rescue, for blessing our home and lives with this gorgeous girl. We will love Annie forever!!!



Bringing Joy Back Into People's Lives

CORNELIUS NC: It was a beautiful, sunny day in Jetton Park when Delilah, the therapy dog met senior, Maureen Deppen. Delilah is a specially trained dog who is certified to be calm and gentle with children and the elderly. At 4 years old, she is a purebred Airedale Terrier. Long considered the "King of Terriers" (or the Queen in Delilah's case), the Airedale is the largest of the Terrier breeds. She came from Coldstream Kennel in Virginia. Her AKC registered name is Coldstream Little Ray of Sunshine—which is particularly appropriate for Delilah because of all of the happiness she brings into people's lives.

"I recently lost my dog of 17 years."
Maureen Deppen, Senior



I asked my friend, Maureen Deppen, to join us for this interview. She was feeling sad because her dog, Patches, a mixed breed Chihuahua, had recently died. He had been her companion for 17 years. Delilah was happy to meet Maureen. Maureen was delighted to meet Delilah.



Maureen Deppen sits with Delilah the Therapy Dog and her owner Mike Riley, brother to ATCMW member Ann Riley.

The other half of this delightful pair is Mike Riley, President/Owner of Homewatch Caregivers, and Delilah's owner. His original occupation was in supply chain logistics. Born in Columbus, OH and having spent time in Atlanta, Hilton Head, and St. Louis, Mike wanted to be closer to his family who were located near Charlotte. About a year ago, he had the opportunity to purchase the Charlotte location of Homewatch

Caregivers. He said, "The opportunity checked all the boxes for me."

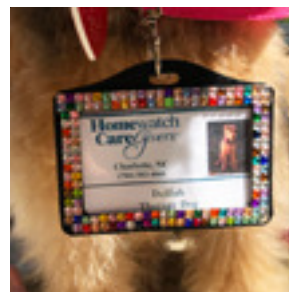
His company provides in-home, non-medical care. Their staff of over 125 employees help people with the daily activities that allow them to stay in their homes. They provide companionship and assistance primarily for seniors.

"It's a real pleasure to give back to the community we work in. We both enjoy bringing smiles to people's faces."
—Mike Riley with Delilah, his therapy dog



In addition to running his company, Riley and Delilah volunteer about 15 hours per week visiting the residents of nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, assisted living facilities, memory care facilities, independent care centers, and hospice and palliative care centers. When asked why he does it, Mike says "It warms your spirit to see how people get excited to see Delilah"

Riley said that both the handler and the dog are certified through the Alliance of Therapy Dogs. Handler training lasts about 3 months. Training for the dog is a life-long process. Skills the dog must learn are: basic obedience, walking on a leash, and the proper temperament. No growling is allowed. The dog must be good with adults, children, and other dogs.



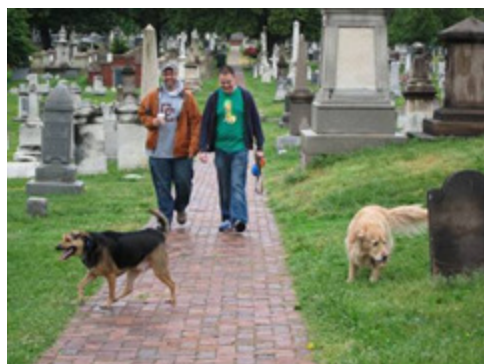
The training necessary for a Therapy Dog.

Shared here with permission from the author, Ellen Sandford. Originally appeared in LNKConnect

A Dog-Friendly Place to Visit: Historic Congressional Cemetery

By Susan Kilgard

In case you were wondering, it's not so easy to lay a body to eternal rest in DC's H Street Corridor. Certainly in this age of phones-as-cameras it isn't a good option, but burials in that area also didn't work out well for the early residents of the new Federal City.



L'Enfant had not included burial grounds in his plans for the city, so Western and Eastern Burial Grounds were designated in the late 18th century. The eastern cemetery was too marshy and was abandoned early on, leaving Capitol Hill residents to come up with their own solution. The answer? Today's Historic Congressional Cemetery.

Founded in 1807 on just over four acres about 18 blocks from the Capitol Building, Washington Parish Burial Ground now serves as the final resting place of more than 65,000 souls. Owned by the Episcopal church Christchurch since 1812 and currently managed by the Association for the Preservation of Historic Congressional Cemetery, this nondenominational burial ground hosts yoga, book clubs, 5Ks, chamber music concerts, occasionally goats, and dogs. Always, always dogs.

Urban flight to the suburbs in the latter half of the 20th century almost killed the cemetery. With few family members to tend to graves and mounting expenses, the cemetery for many years was the preferred place of business for prostitutes and drug dealers, marred by graffiti and covered in tall grass and weeds.

A small group of neighbors in the 1990s began donating money to a clean-up fund in return for using the grounds as a place to walk their dogs, resulting in a gradual recovery of the facility. The recovery wasn't quick—the National Trust for Historic Preservation named HCC to its top ten list of Most Endangered Historic Sites in America in 1997—but it was impressive. Today these



dogwalkers are members of a formal organization called the K9 Corps, with its own board of directors, bylaws, and membership requirements. *The Washington Post* referred to the Corps as one of the most exclusive clubs in DC in 2017 and with good reason—prospective members sometimes put their names on the waiting list years ahead of acquiring a house (or even a dog!) in the area, much like parents of infants might do with restricted-admissions preschools. With membership restricted to 770 dogs, mandatory volunteer hours (for the humans), and a steep annual membership fee (which accounts for about 20% of the cemetery's annual operating budget), the K9

Corps also provides a kind of 24-hour security system to ensure the grounds remain friendly and graffiti-free.

For more information about Historic Congressional Cemetery, visit <https://www.congressionalcemetery.org/>. To learn about the dogwalking program, visit <https://cemeterydogs.org/>. If you're interested in visiting this National Historic Landmark (and the only Washington DC cemetery with a dedicated pet burial ground opening in the summer of 2019), check out the dog-themed, dog-friendly tour below.



Where the Bones are Buried: HCC and Man's Best Friend

History comes unleashed in a new Fido-friendly tour of Historic Congressional Cemetery. This Introductory Tour highlights a selection of our most famous residents, many of whom were devoted to dogs themselves. You'll also learn about the origin of our famous K9 Corps and its vital role in HCC's transformation from endangered historic site to national historic landmark. We welcome your friendly vaccinated four-legged companion on the "Bones are Buried" tour. Please arrive 10 minutes early to sign a waiver and pay the reduced day pass rate of \$5 per dog. This pass entitles you to unleash your dog and remain on the grounds for the rest of the day.

Dr. Susan Kilgard is Professor of Communications at Anne Arundel Community College and serves as a docent at HCC. Susan is the adoptive mother of Yoda, a Pomeranian mix from Senior Dog Sanctuary, where she also volunteers. Susan's other hobbies include helping Jessica train her Service Dogs by providing endless distractions.

Editor's note: Susan will lead a private "Where the Bones are Buried" tour for ATCMW members and their Airedales this fall. Dogs will be on leash during the tour, which will be held at a time when other dogs are not in the cemetery. Afterwards, ATCMW members can stay and let their dogs run off-leash with other dogs, if they choose. More details to follow as we get closer to cooler weather and select a date!

Homemade Agility Adds Training and Fun for Your Airedale

By Wilder J. Leavitt

My late mother-in-law, Jane Morningstar, used to say that horses loved to run. She knew this because one of her favorite crime novelists and a former steeplechase jockey, Dick Francis, said so. She loved his descriptions of English horse racing and she noted that of all people, Francis should know what he was talking about. After all, he had ridden horses in over 350 races and wrote a damn fine murder mystery novel.

I don't know if dogs love to play on agility equipment. My ability to peer into their brains and see what they are thinking or communicate with them and ask them directly is simply too limited. I suspect Francis could not do it either with his horses but instead went with his gut. What I have observed with my Airedale Terrier Juno is that she seems to enjoy jumping, running, and investigating and negotiating obstacles. On walks, she will often choose to walk along the curb like some kind of aerialist rather than on the roadway or the adjacent grass. She will spontaneously jump onto boulders that ring the National Institutes of Health campus where we walk often and stand there proudly surveying her domain. And as any Airedale owner knows, she is continuously curious and investigatively nosing into anything she encounters. So how to stimulate her mentally and physically and take advantage of her natural tendencies?



Agility training and practice was my answer. I had a little fenced-in property and some basic woodworking skills, and I was willing to dedicate a little bit of time and effort to construct the basic equipment. Like with many endeavors in the information age, I started browsing the Internet for ideas and came across a book covering how to construct all the regulation-compliant agility equipment currently in use by a number of certifying bodies. I started small and built a pause table. This is a table that the dog jumps onto, waits for a specified period of time, and jumps down, getting back into the course. In our case, no training was required. Juno knew just what to do once I completed the table and she hopped onto it to investigate. Then I taught her to do all her skills (sit, down, shake, etc.) while on the table. Next, I tried my hand at an A-frame. Two nine-foot-long panels are hinged into an "A" shape that the

dog has to negotiate by going up and over. Before I painted it, I wanted to see if Juno could climb it. It took me luring her with string cheese only three times and she successfully made it up and over. In the last few months, I added more apparatuses, including a dog walk, a seesaw, PVC jumps, and a tunnel. Typically, I run Juno through all the apparatuses, varying jump and seesaw heights, changing the tunnel orientation, and shifting the order of apparatuses to keep it interesting and challenging for her.

I had to make some adjustments during and after my construction. I had to work with Juno extensively to get her to enter and exit the tunnel even as a simple straight tube. This skill is a requirement for Barn Hunt, another activity in which we participate, and she did not come to it naturally. Now she can handle turns and longer tube sections, but the tunnel still doesn't appear to be her favorite skill. Juno fell off the regulation-height dog walk that I had constructed twice and, thankfully, was uninjured. I saw this happen to another dog once during a full speed training run and the memory of that incident caused me to worry that Juno would injure herself. I decided to lower it a foot or so and she hasn't tripped up since. We aren't competing, after all, just having fun.

If you think this might be for you, you can purchase agility equipment online, but that can get expensive quickly. If you have some basic woodworking and construction skills, you can make much of the apparatus yourself. Taken one at a time, each project is manageable and rewarding. Your effort will add a rich dynamic experience for your Airedale. I am still not sure if Juno loves running through our little agility course or if she just enjoys the food rewards and my praise for her efforts. But she seems eager to go when I point to the pause table where everything starts. And seeing her bound up the A-frame and trot deftly along the dog walk fills me with a sense of pride. It makes me happy to see her succeed.



Airedale Terrier Club of Metropolitan Washington Regional Specialty April 19, 2019

Our Specialty was once again a great success, well attended by both competitors and spectators!

Many thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make things run smoothly. Once again, Deb Todhunter, our Trophy Chairperson, produced a table full of lovely trophies for our winners. Jeanne Esmond showed up early with coffee and a continental breakfast, and Jackie Peebles brought lunch to serve to everyone. Pam McKusick brought a tableful of Airedale items to be sold to benefit Airedale Rescue.

Best of Breed

CH LYNNAIRE'S GALILEAN MOON RN 30150001. 11-10-16

By Ch Stargus Galileo - Ch Lynaire Sea Of Love. Bitch.

Owner: Linda Baake Jarvis, Breeder: Linda Baake Jarvis.

(Santiago Pinto, Agent).

Best of Opposite Sex

GCHS JET AIRE'S COSMIC DISCOVERY RN 27958201. 05-10-15

By GCH Joval On Angel's Wings - GCH Jet Aire's West Coast Discovery. Dog.

Owner: Diane & John Turba, Breeder: Diane & John Turba.

(Tracy Szaras, Agent).

Winners Dog

BUON AIRES ECHO FROM BEYOND. RN 31400001. 12-14-16

By GCH Terydale Hk Buonaire Echo At Longvue - Ch Buon Aires Hawaiian Salsa. Owner: Anne Mates, Oxford, MA 015402332. Breeder: Anne Mates & Wywh Lic & Kazue Roberto.

(Robert M Carusi, AKC Registered Handler)

Winners Bitch, Best of Winners

RAYNAIRE V CRESCENT'S ZSA ZSA GABOR. RN 30519611. 01-15-17

By Ch Crescent V Raynaire V Emerick Triple Crown - GCH Raynaire V Crescent V Emerick This Girl Is On Fire. Owner: Catherine Labella Breeder: Karen J Coffey & Charlene E Johnson & Brenda L McCann.

(Ernesto Lara, AKC Registered Handler)

Best in Sweepstakes

JOVAL SWEET STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE. RN 31667703. 01-14-18

By Ch Joval Faith & Glory Of Love - GCHG Joval Sweet Time. Owner: Nancy A Nykamp & Hugh W Garner, Great Falls, VA 220663810. Breeder: Dr Valeria Rickard & John Rickard.



Bill and Lynn Nelson's Alex (Coldstream North By Northwest RN OA OAJ NF NJP CAA DCAT RATN TKN) earned the following titles: Open Agility and Open Agility Jumpers, Agility FAST Novice, and Coursing Ability Advanced.



Jeanne Esmond's Coldstream Indian Summer RA CGC TKN has earned her Rally Excellent title.

Jessica Rabin's Caleb, and Rob and Lynda Tison's Leo doing a brace retrieve.



Airedale Terrier Club of Metropolitan Washington, DC

Meeting at 3rd Annual ATCMW Bethesda Picnic, June 8, 2019

The Airedale Terrier Club of Metropolitan Washington, DC met on Saturday, June 8, 2019 at Cabin John Regional Park in Bethesda, Maryland for a meeting and picnic.

At 11:15 each attendee introduced themselves and their dogs.

At 11:25 Corally Burmaster, President, called the meeting to order.

President's Report

Corally thanked Wilder Leavitt and Mary Morningstar for planning and preparing for this event. She also welcomed back Deb and Walt Todhunter to Virginia. Deb had retained the position as Trophy Chair in spite of their move to Iowa.

Non-members were asked to identify themselves and for those who wanted to join, the requirements are attaining two events and having two sponsors.

Airedale Rescue

Corally introduced Pam McKusick who coordinates the rescue efforts for Washington, DC and Maryland. She indicated that there is a need to assemble groups to a) transport dogs and b) short & long term fostering. A flyer will be sent describing the requirements of the activities. We need to get a list of people who are qualified for the tasks. There is a need for foster homes to ensure the safety and caring of the dogs. Rescue pays for the food and bills.

Pam McKusick provided an update on a rescue dog, Annie. Annie has been placed with a club member and she is happy and doing very well with her new owners.

New Members

The following new applicants were introduced and a vote was held to accept them as members. All were accepted into the club by the current members.

Karen Alexander

Bernard Groenveld

Jennifer Little

Doug and Isabel Menchhofer

Millard Moody

Bill and Lynn Nelson

Ellen Wingerd Robinson

Greg and Mary Anna Thomas

Rob and Lynda Tison

Unfinished Business

None identified

There was a motion to adjourn and seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine LeMontagne



Current new member applicant

Franchesca Rodgers lives with her puppy, Asparagus (Coldstream Talk of the Town), better known as "Gus," in Vienna, Virginia. Her first dog as an adult, Gus has taught Franchesca the joys—and the quirks—of life with an Airedale. Gus' favorite activities include emptying his toy bin, chasing bugs, and chewing on a tasty pig foot. Franchesca works at Merrill Lynch in Private Wealth Management and enjoys practicing power yoga. The pair are very excited to join the Airedale Terrier Club of Metropolitan Washington, DC.

Save the Date

Our ever popular picnic at Frying Pan Park will be held this year on Saturday, August 31st. Program to be announced!

Dock Diving Program

Elaine LeMontagne

Mary Pat Corrigan and her dog, Tara, joined our group after lunch for a discussion of dock diving, a canine competitive sport. Mary Pat is certified in canine, equine, and human massage therapy. She has been a massage therapist for dogs, horses, cats, pet steer, llamas, rabbits and birds.

Dock diving is a dog sport in which dogs compete in jumping for distance or height from a dock into a body of water. There are dock jumping events in the United States and other countries such as United Kingdom, Australia, Germany, and Austria. It is an AKC sport with certification.

The docks are 40 feet long and can be portable, e.g., on top of a trailer. The activity includes three primary disciplines. The first is Big Air, followed by Extreme Vertical, and Speed Retrieve. Each of these disciplines rates dogs based on varying rule sets and ranks them in accordance with their accomplishments. The dogs are judged for distance, height and speed.

The distance measurement is from the base of the tail. Techniques for getting the dog to jump include throwing a toy into the water, which the dog sees. The dog is released and follows the toy.

Another type of competition is jumping, in which the dog retrieves a stick suspended in between two strings that are over the water. The goal is for the dog to grab the item or knock it off the strings.

The third type is an extreme vertical in which the dog jumps very high.

Tara, Mary Pat's three-pawed dog, loves to leap into the water. Her personal best is 18' 6".

To get started, look for events or local facilities. Events have try-its where you can see if your dog will go off the dock. There is always a staff member to assist. Some organizations do not allow try-its at Regional Qualifiers. Some organizations ask that the dog be able to swim before completing a try-it event.

The three main organizations sponsoring the competition are:

- DockDogs
- North America Diving Dogs (NADD)
- Ultimate Air Dogs (UAD)

Each can be found on the Internet for additional information.



ATCMW Bethesda Picnic, June 8, 2019

Pictures by Karl Broom and Michael Scheiman





